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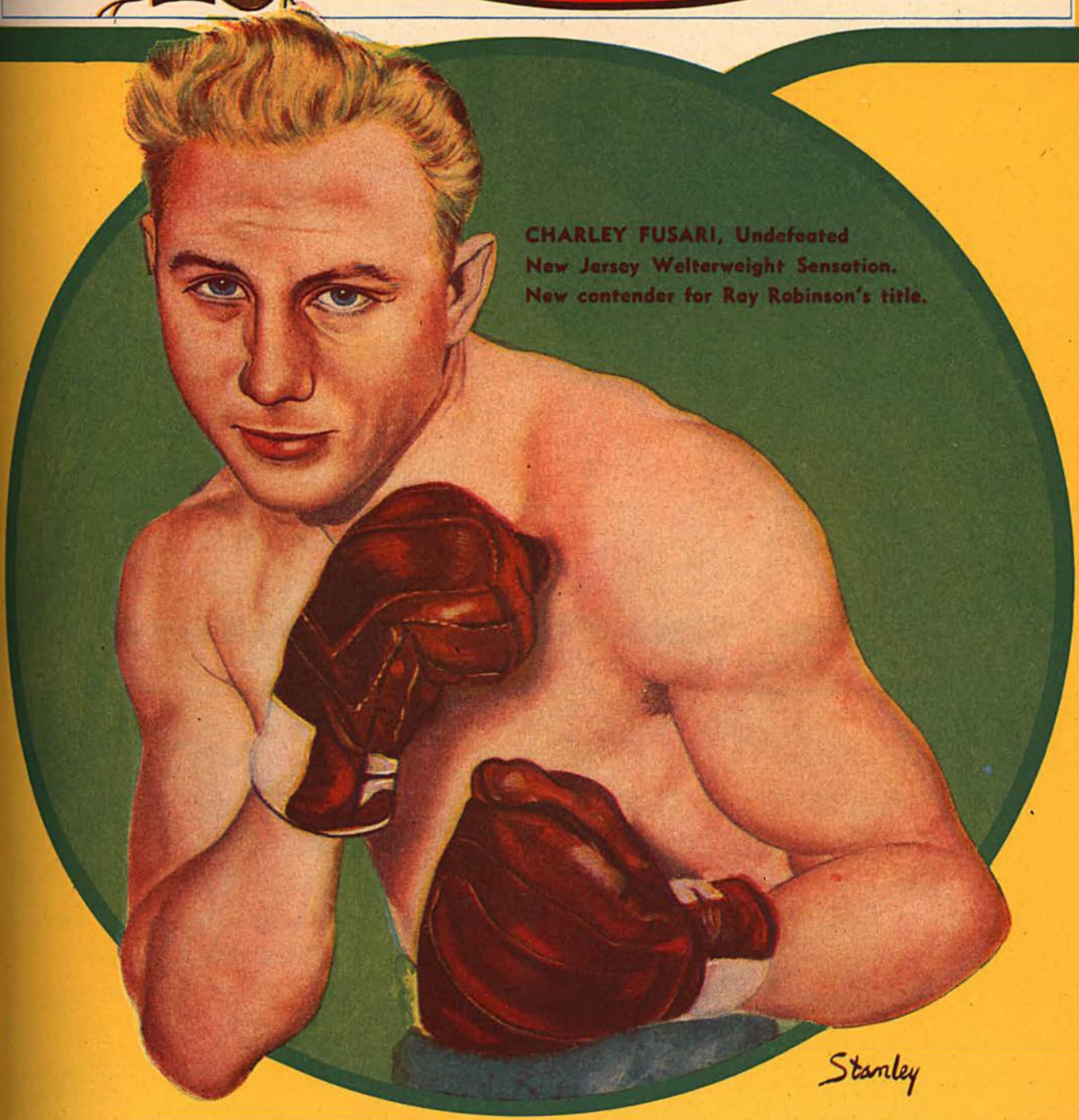

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Boxing is making tremendous strides in France. Of all the nations that were in the World War, the French, alone, have come to the front with a group of top fighters who are rapidly forging to the front in a manner that has brought the prediction of the outstanding boxing critics that several of them will be listed as world champions ere long. Marcel Cerdan and the Famechon brothers, among others, have gained the fistic spotlight in international bouts.

The man who popularized boxing in France was an American, Willie Lewis, now the manager of a Tavern near Madison Square Garden. The spectacular success of Cerdan automatically revives the memory of the New York Irishman who played so important a role in the land of the fleur de lis nearly four decades ago.

Read the interesting story of "Willie Lewis, Boulevardier," by Jersey Jones in the July issue.

"Quirks of Fate" is another story you'll enjoy. It's the tale of many stars of pugilism who got their start through an accident and others who began their fistic career through inspiration.

The latest in re the June heavyweight bout between Joe Louis and the man whom he has selected to be his opponent in the Brown Bomber's twenty-fourth title defense, by Daniel M. Daniel.

News from around the world and timely comment on world affairs in the sport by Nat Fleischer. Besides the usual ringside action shots of recent bouts.

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The SCRAMBLE *is* ON

Louis Insists on June Date and Chooses His Opponent Regardless of Public Opinion — Wants Only One Fight With Woodcock-Baksi Bout Winner as Rival

By THE OBSERVER

A HEAVYWEIGHT champion of the world practically demanding to defend his precious laurels is, indeed, something for a Ripley Believe-It-or-Not. But, then, doing the unusual has become something of a habit with Joe Louis since, ten years ago, he battered the heavyweight diadem off the rugged brow of Jim Braddock in Chicago's Comiskey Park.

No champion in the crowded, colorful annals of boxing ever risked his title as often as Louis. Shufflin' Joe's official record to date reveals twenty-three successful defenses of the most prized asset in the entire sports world.

Louis has dodged no legitimate challenge, regardless of the creed, color or calibre of the challenger. He has fought 'em all—burly mastodons, clever boxers, powerful sluggers, dangerous punchers.

But Joe is rapidly getting no younger, and no one is more appreciative of the grim fact than the champion himself. On May 13 he will celebrate the thirty-third anniversary of his arrival on this mundane sphere—and thirty-three generally is regarded as a ripe old age in this rugged profession of beak-busting. There isn't anyone at this time good enough to get into the ring with Joe—that we all know. Eventually Father Time will catch up with Joe.

Louis has no intention of remaining in the business until his bones creak, his muscles groan, and he becomes eligible to collect on his Social Security card. Joe craves action now; the more the merrier. He recently completed an eventful Good Neighbor jaunt through Latin-America. Now he feels it's time for his title to be aired again.

Joe is insisting on a championship match this summer, and Mike Jacobs' associates in the Twentieth Century Sporting Club have accommodated him by setting June 26 as the date for the next world heavyweight championship bout at the Yankee Stadium.

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THE problem now before the house is: What opponent is available?

It is immaterial to Louis who draws the assignment as his vis-a-vis. He appears quite capable of disposing of any and every challenger mentioned as a possible nominee. In looking over the current crop of so-called contenders, there isn't one who figures to have anything more than a vague outside chance of lifting Joe's precious diadem, and less than a handful who seem able to give the Bomber even a reasonable facsimile of an argument.

An amazing state of affairs, indeed, when a heavyweight champion, eager to put his title on the line, finds himself without one outstanding rival! But, then, Joe has no one but himself to blame for the unique situation. He has done too thorough a job of cleaning out the division of topline talent.

From a box-office standpoint, Bruce Woodcock, the British Empire champion, is the one man, according to Louis, who fits in as a logical opponent in a summer extravaganza. Joe thinks only Woodcock can assure a million-dollar gate, or something closely approximating one. He says he doesn't feel any other challenger would arouse the public's interest sufficiently to attract more than $409,000, and that isn't enough. Louis believes the international angle always lends added attractiveness to an important ring engagement, and that's why he prefers Woodcock. He has stipulated that he'll take on the winner of the Woodcock-Baksi fight with Bruce preferred.

In stipulating his preference for the winner of the London engagement, Louis automatically shunted aside the challenges of rivals whose records entitle them to the call over either Woodcock or Baksi. Jersey Joe Walcott and Melio Bettina are two. Ezzard Charles, who flattened Jimmy Bivins, is another. Walcott heads the field. He is entitled to first call.

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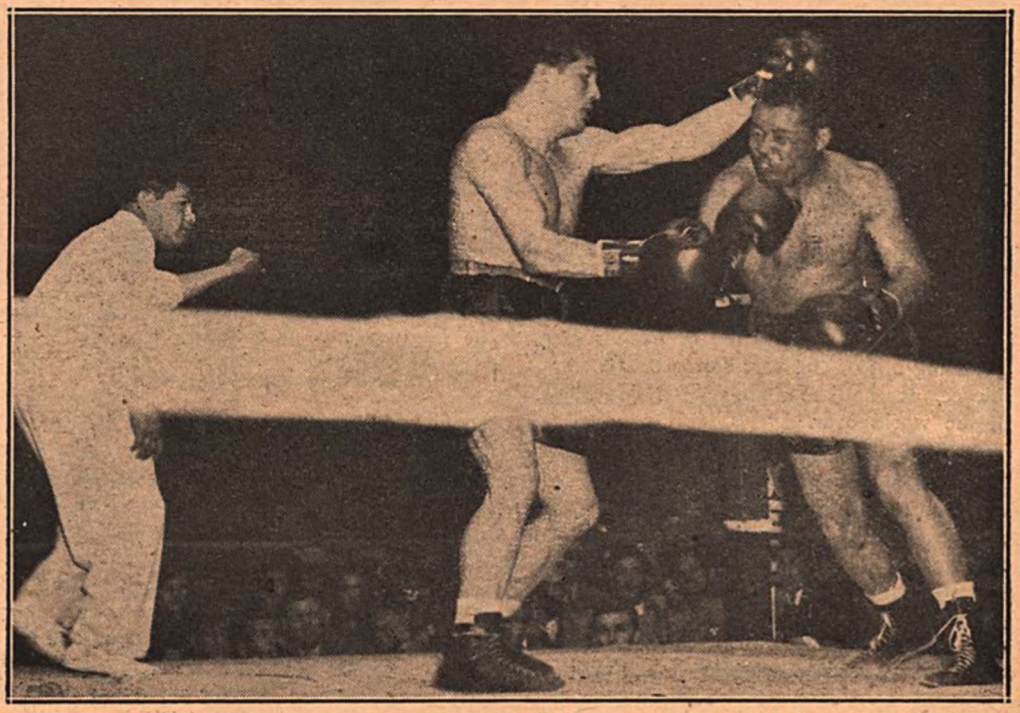
AT this writing, neither Woodcock nor his manager, Tom Hurst, feels inclined to accept the June 26 date with Louis. Each believes it would be better to wait another year, when Bruce will have become more matured and experienced. In this respect, they concur with the general opinion of British and American writers. With few exceptions, they all incline to the belief that a Louis-Woodcock bout would outdraw any other offering that could be presented this summer, but that the British champion would prove a softer touch for the Bomber than would Baksi, Walcott, Bettina or Charles.

Baksi has displayed more fighting *(Continued on page 34)*



Joe Louis as he appeared in the ring at Lima where he engaged Arturo Godoy in an exhibition before a packed arena.

The FORGOTTEN MAN

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

IN every sport, there are forgotten men. Some are unable to achieve their merited places in the sun as technicians because of adverse publicity, or at any rate, a sufficiency of the good kind. Some are handicapped by little personal quirks. I once knew a great catcher who was run out of the majors by a meddling, harridan wife. Many advance right up to the very line of widespread recognition and public acclaim, only to discover that they lack a certain little something in the way of skill, or the mental clincher.

In major league baseball, many an all-time hero has failed to get the opportunity to stress his special qualities in a world series.

In professional boxing, we have seen standout performers, right down the years, robbed by Time and Circumstance of their right to official championship recognition.

There were, for example, Packey McFarland and Tommy Murphy, two of the greatest lightweights in the brighter annals of the beak busting industry.

Compared with a few of the fighters who have held the championship in that class, Packey and Tommy stood out as clearly and decisively as Joe Louis does today over the tatterdemalion contention in the heavyweight division.

Yet the distinction of holding the lightweight title never came to either McFarland or Murphy.

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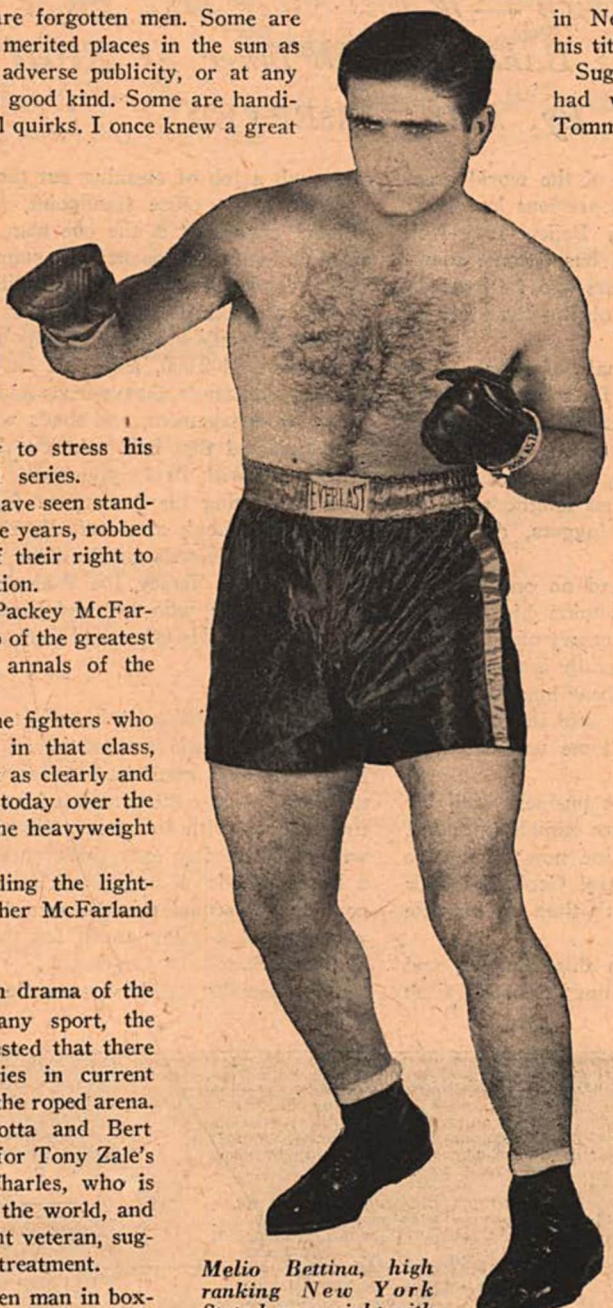
MINDFUL of the high drama of the forgotten man in any sport, the editor of this magazine suggested that there were a few interesting stories in current representatives of that sect in the roped arena.

The names of Jake LaMotta and Bert Lytell, formidable contenders for Tony Zale's middleweight title, Ezzard Charles, who is the best light heavyweight in the world, and Melio Bettina, the heavyweight veteran, suggested themselves for special treatment.

However, there is a forgotten man in boxing whose claims to that designation stand out above those of LaMotta, Lytell, Charles and Bettina, and any other candidates one could dig out of the vast roster of the sour science, as the late Damon Runyon called it, the world over.



Melio Bettina, high ranking New York State heavyweight with four years of war service, whose appeal for a shot at Joe Louis' crown or a chance to engage in an elimination, has been tossed aside by the commission.

The true forgotten man in fisticuffs is the fan. Recent occurrences and investigations into alleged fistic transactions have helped to stress that fact.

Rocky Graziano, who some day may become the middleweight champion if he doesn't burn himself out earlier, was set down for an indefinite period by the New York State Commission for failure to be familiar with a rule which made it necessary for him to report bribe offers before his 1945 fight with Bummy Davis and his more recently cancelled match with Cowboy Ruben Shank.

Yet this same Commission didn't know until a few weeks ago when newspaper publicity called it to Eddie Eagan's attention that it has a rule in the books which enables Joe Louis to fight in New York from one to 14 rounds without his title being at stake! Are you shocked?

Sugar Ray Robinson, who only shortly before had won the welterweight title by outpointing Tommy Bell in 15 rounds in New York, was suspended for 30 days and fined $500 for having neglected to tell the New York Commission about an offer of $25,000 to make the weight for his match with Marty Servo, then the champion of the class,—a contest scheduled for last September and cancelled 24 hours before it was to have been fought with Marty's abdication "because of a serious injury to his nose."

The New York Commission had taken up the Graziano case only because it had been investigated and aired by District Attorney Frank Hogan of New York.

It acted on the Robinson matter precisely two months after it had been brought to the attention of the Commission by a prominently displayed story by Lester Bromberg in the New York *World-Telegram* of December 17!

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APART from all other issues and considerations, the fact that boxing in the state of New York is big business financially calls for the utmost in official vigilance, and protection for the customer.

This vigilance and protection have not been developed to the requisite heights by Eddie Eagan and C. B. Powell. Too many of the poorest type officials, men with little knowledge of the sports, have been assigned with regularity to the smaller clubs to the detriment of boxing.

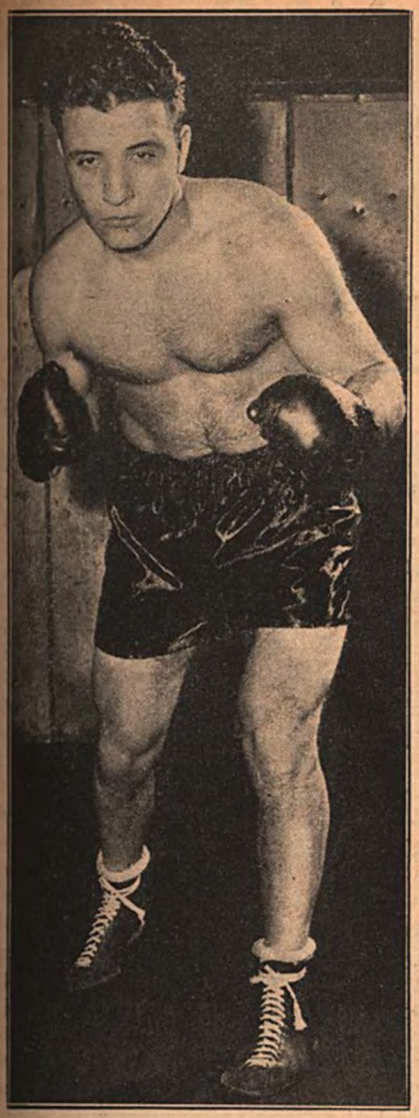
The Commission has been handicapped, first by a lot of political appointees on the Commission personnel as boxing ring officials and second by Governor Tom Dewey's failure to name a successor to the late General Phelan. That place has been vacant for more than a year.

The New York Boxing Writers' Association long ago recommended Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of THE RING Magazine, for the post, but it has been repeatedly hinted in political circles that he cannot have the job. The reason? Perhaps because Mr. Fleischer has no political backing and would take no orders from politicians or racketeers.

The forgotten man of boxing is that, because inferior shows are frequently staged in New York State, the world center of the sport, at fabulous prices of admission. There, too, the forgotten man of boxing should have the protection of the Commission, but he has not been getting it!

Why? Because our commission insists that its duty is simply to supervise boxing and not to make matches nor supervise prices of admission!

Rather a strange situation, considering that William Muldoon, the Grand Old Man of Sports, James A. Farley and Gen. Phelan, three of the best commissioners New York ever had, didn't mince



Jake LaMotta, the outstanding contender for middleweight honors who cannot obtain the support of his home state commission, the New York Board, in his fight for recognition for a championship fight.

words when it came to telling promoters what matches it wanted and would sanction and what the top prices could be. There has been no change in the law so far as we are aware since Eddie Eagan took the helm. Today any matches regardless of the calibre of the opponents, gets the OK as witness the large number of knockout victims who repeatedly grace the cards at New York clubs, even in Madison Square Garden!

The forgotten man in boxing is such, because the New York Commission, in whose domain almost every world championship bout is staged, insists that it won't accept forfeit money and challenges from the top ranking men of boxing, because its function is not one of matchmaking. Yet if we take a good look at the Commission's latest rule book we find on page 35, Section 1, rule 9—the following in re championship matches and challengers:

"All boxing championships must be at 15 rounds. It will be permitted, however, in all classes from flyweight to light-heavyweight, that a champion may engage in a bout over the weight limit and of a lesser number of rounds than 15, in which case his title will not be at stake, provided he agrees that he will box the OUTSTANDING CONTENDER for the championship within six months from the date of his last championship bout. . . . ."

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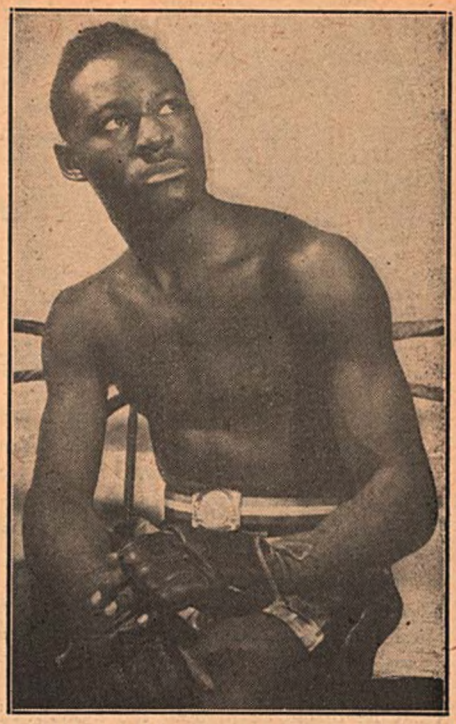
NOW since the commission rule insists that the challenger must be the outstanding contender, how come that the Commission doesn't so provide it for the Forgotten Man of Boxing, when a championship bout is arranged?

How come that the ranking challengers are repeatedly ignored and lesser lights receive the assignment?

Only a few weeks ago, the world's leading challenger for middleweight honors, the man who for several years has been tops in his field, Jake LaMotta, went to the Commission to file a challenge and deposit a check for such challenge for a fight with Tony Zale, but was informed, "we are not matchmakers. If you can get a promoter to arrange such a fight, we will accept it."

Then came the turndown of Melio Bettina, an outstanding challenger for heavyweight honors, a world war veteran who has been rated among the first ten for a number of years. He wanted to file a challenge for a fight with Joe Louis and offered to post a forfeit. Again the same statement, "We are not matchmakers, etc."

Ezzard Charles, the best of the light-heavies, whose challenge for a title shot has been turned down by the champion.



Ray Robinson was the shining light of the welters when he appealed to the Commission for the opportunity to fight Freddie Cochrane for the world welterweight title at the time when every scribe in the country figured Ray the leading challenger. Did he get it? He did not. Marty Servo got the break again with the statement from the New York Commission that it was not a matchmaking department.

Well, here is rule 1, Section VII, of the New York Commission on that point: "A boxer holding a championship must defend same within a period of six months. Should such champion fail to so defend his title, the commission will forward to the champion on behalf of another boxer and at the lapse of said six months, a 'challenge.' The champion must accept such a challenge within fifteen days. . . .

"In order to guarantee the sincerity of the challenge, each challenge must be accompanied by a deposit of (amounts stated run from $1000 for flyweights to $5000 for heavyweights), **payable by certified check to the order of the Boxing Commission.**

"The commission in receiving and accepting such challenge reserved the right to consider only those challenges received from boxers who are the most available contenders."

Yet Eddie Eagan says his commission cannot accept challenges nor forfeits from challengers because that is not within its scope of duty!

Graziano, why don't you learn by heart the rules of the Boxing Commission!

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WHEN the $100 tops was charged for the Louis-Conn fight, the Commission was appealed to through newspaper publicity for relief from such a fabulous fee for admission, but the Commission ignored the public and said that its job was not one of price making.

In the same rule 9, Section 1, there is a clause which reads: "It will also be permitted for a heavyweight champion to engage in a bout of a lesser number of rounds than 15 when his championship will not be at stake, provided the title holder agrees to box the OUTSTANDING CONTENDER for the title within six months from the date of his last championship fight."

Can you beat that one. That's truly a Believe It or Not Ripley item.

Under this Commission rule, until altered as I understand it will be shortly, Joe Louis may enter into an agreement with a fighter to engage in a bout of from one to fourteen rounds in New York, and if he were knocked out, he still would be the world champion!

That's what I mean when I refer to the Forgotten Man of Boxing.

The forgotten man of boxing—the fan—can force reforms by refusing to pay exorbitant prices for matches which still smack of wartime "quality."

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Nat FLEISCHER says:

Cerdan Welcome Addition to US Boxers

Another Darcy Case Narrowly Averted

Legislatures Add Teeth to Boxing Laws

IF there were any doubts in the minds of the New York fight fans regarding the fighting ability of Marcel Cerdan and his right to challenge for the world middleweight title, they were dispelled following his knockout of Harold Green in 2.19 of the second round of their Garden battle before a gathering of 18,116 persons, who paid the second largest amount of the year to see a fight—$109,320. There was no question about Cerdan's superiority. He punched his opponent silly with right-hand crosses and conclusively proved that he rates high both as a fighter and a boxer.

He is one of the best boxing mechanics in the game and from what he displayed in both the fights with Abrams and Green, the chances are highly in his favor to take Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano in camp should either meet him. The only middleweight who has a chance to beat him, in my opinion, is Jake LaMotta, and to do so, Jake will have to show far more than he did against Tommy Bell in their recent battle.

From every angle, Marcel Cerdan, former fighting Marine of the French Navy, is by far the best fighter to come from across the Big Pond in many years. He has every asset of a great battler. He can sock as well as any fighter in the business, can take a punch, is an excellent counter hitter, sizes an opponent up well and viciously drives home the blows that bring victory.

He, like Rocky Graziano before him, is the answer to the promoters' prayer, and if Rocky is restored to good standing, which I hope will be soon, a fight between him and Marcel will be a better and bigger drawing card than any fight in which Joe Louis will take part. Likewise a Cerdan-Zale battle.

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AFTER a first round in which I gave the honors to Green on aggressiveness and more effective hitting, Cerdan went to work on his opponent with one intention—to end the battle quickly. He had tasted his opponent's best punches, had noticed that Harold, in playing only for the body, left his jaw open for a crashing blow, and told his handlers in his corner during the intermission that the end was near.

When told by Lew Burston, his American representative, to take advantage of his openings a little better, Marcel replied in French: "Don't worry, Uncle. It won't go more than another round. He is a sucker. I can hit his chin any time I want."

And he did, shortly after the second round got under way. Green, coming out as in the opening frame, instead of having his chin tucked in, held it high, a perfect target for Cerdan's right, and as he came in, aiming his left for Marcel's body, out crashed the Frenchman's right. It hit the chin with a thud and knocked Harold against the ropes. Then came a volley of lefts and rights. A left crashed to the stomach and almost doubled the Brownsville lad. It took the wind out of him. He was hurt badly as he sagged towards Cerdan.

Marcel stepped back a pace and again crash! There came another right and a left and another right to the chin, and down to the canvas tumbled Green.

The count of two was reached when Referee Eddie Joseph picked it up while Green rolled around the canvas in distress. At the count of eight Harold got to his knees and a fraction of a second after nine had been counted, he was up, though in a daze. The referee hadn't stopped the count, but tolled off the ten while Green was standing and the fight was over.

Harold protested that he got to his feet before the fatal decimal had been tolled off, and this he did. But Referee Joseph insisted that regardless of when the ten was counted, he would not have permitted the fight to go because of Green's condition.

That was his prerogative. But the fact remains that the ten was counted with Harold on his feet!

Had the bout continued, there is no doubt that Green would not have lasted the round, so vicious was the attack of his adversary. The European champion proved himself to the American public a fighter of the first degree—good enough to fight the best and good enough to hold the world crown.

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CERDAN is an exceptionally powerful man with an extremely excellent fighting body. He is a natural fighter in every sense of the word, speedy afoot and quick to take advantage of his opponent's errors. I would like to see him against Jake LaMotta as a final test of his ability. In many ways, he is a reminder of Mickey Walker, the Toy Bulldog, in his ring work. My frank opinion is that he can whip any middleweight in the world, and that includes LaMotta (unless Jake can show more than he did against Bell), Graziano and Zale.

It was many years ago when I got my first glimpse of the French battler, and upon my return to the States, I wrote of him:

"I saw in Paris the best looking welterweight in all Europe. His name is Marcel Cerdan. He comes from Casablanca and has all the earmarks of a world champion. He is a colorful battler whose style should enable him to gain many admirers."

That prediction was made back in 1937.

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THROUGHOUT the country they are adding teeth to the various boxing laws to give to the commissions added power to deal with those who are responsible for the black eye given to the sport during the past few years by gamblers and shady characters who have become owners of fighters. Although in my opinion the regulations prior to the enactment in New York, for example, of additional legislation were sufficiently stringent to enable the powers that be to deal with ring outsiders, those generally known as the "under cover" men in boxing, the jail sentence penalty or a fine of $500 or both to be meted out to those found guilty should be of considerable aid in keeping the sport clean and keeping objectionable characters out of boxing.

As I have so often remarked, boxing can be favorably compared to any other sport so far as honesty of competition is concerned, but it is a fact that many under-cover managers control the contracts of a number of the top men in fisticuffs. That does not necessarily mean that they are manipulators. They may be shady characters, men with criminal records, but it isn't the easiest thing in the world to perpetrate a fixed fight on the American boxing public.

Fans detect collusion too quickly and the fighter guilty of such a procedure wouldn't find life comfortable so far as his future was concerned. I mention this because of the many letters I have received following the passage of Senator Pakula's bill making it a misdemeanor for unlicensed persons or corporations

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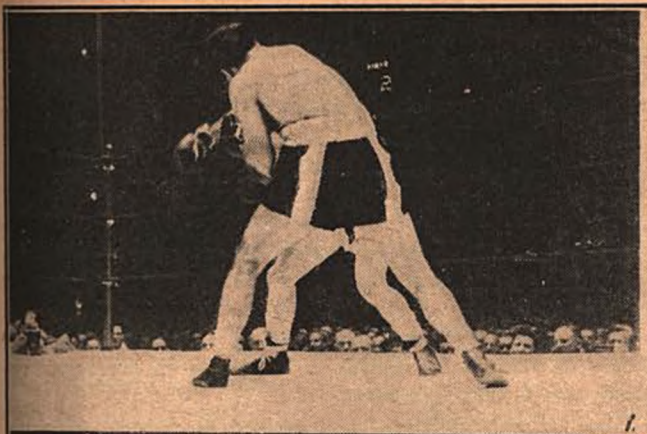
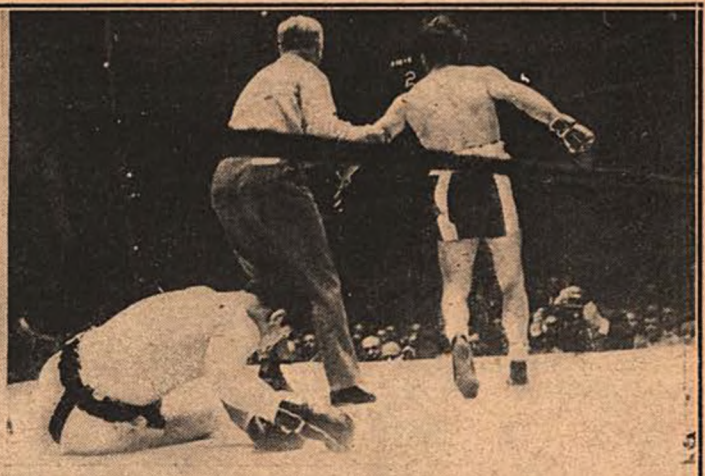
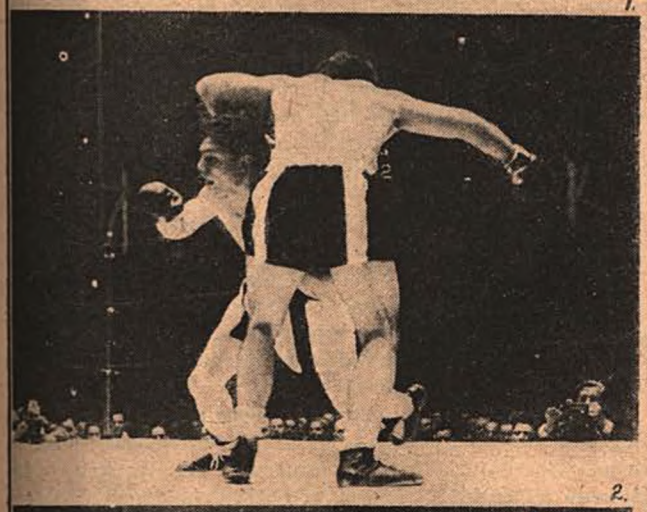
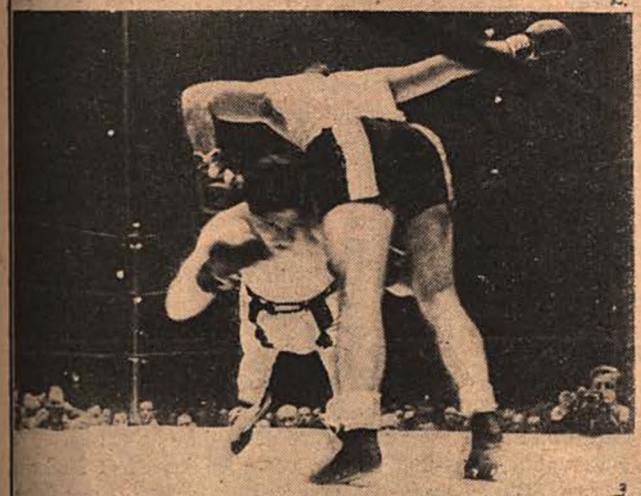
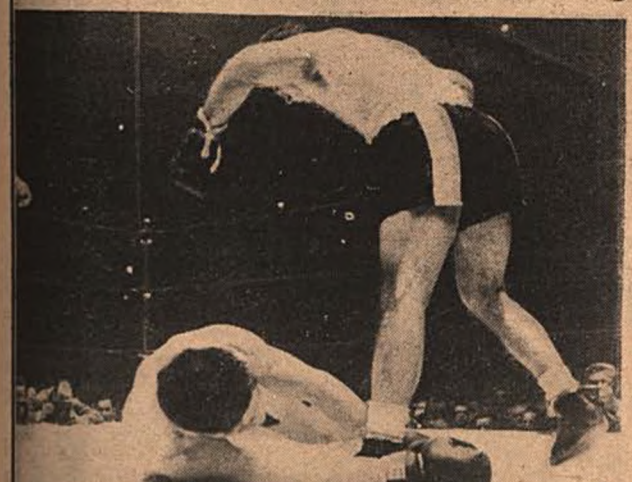
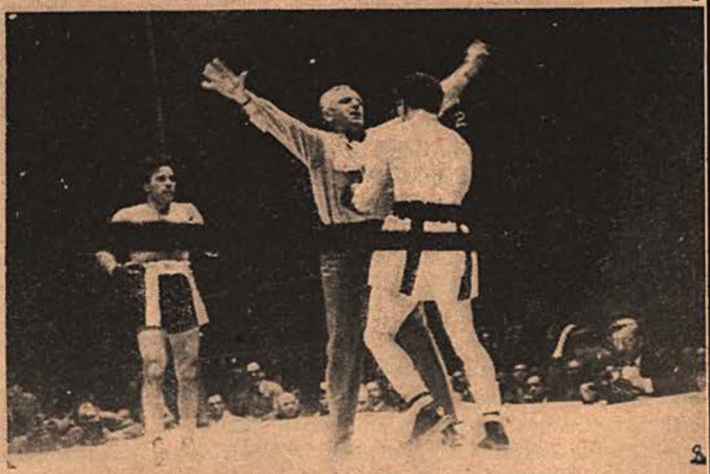




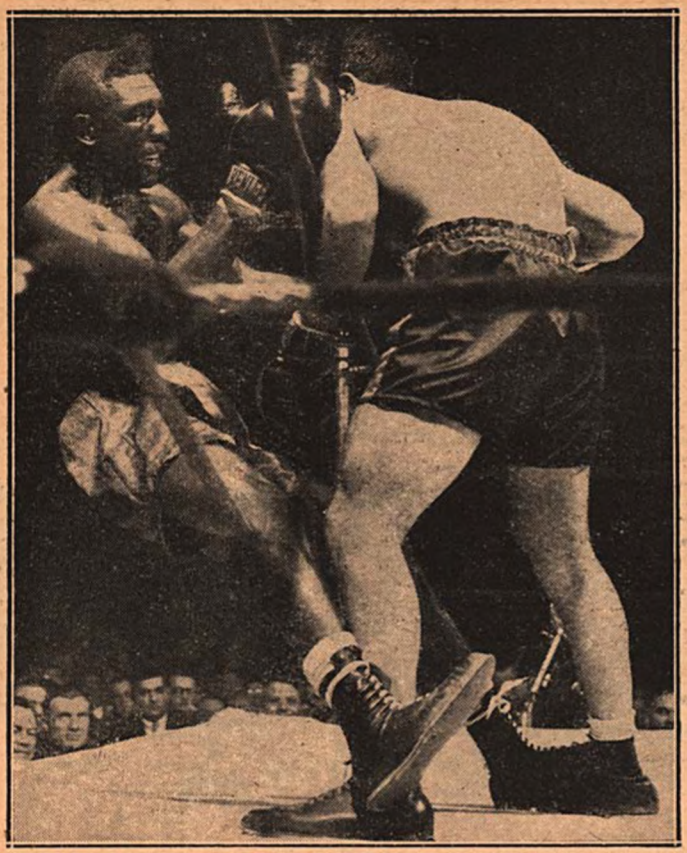








1—Cerdan lands a right to Green's chin. 2—Green, hurt, begins to topple and Marcel attempts to step out of his way. 3—Down Harold goes and—4—he lands on his side. 5—While Referee Joseph leads Cerdan to a neutral corner, Green attempts to rise. 6—The count is on and Cerdan watches Green stumble about the ring. 7—Up on one knee Green gets at the count of eight. 8—Though up a fraction of second before the fatal ten is counted, Referee Joseph counts Harold out.



Jake LaMotta drives Tommy Bell through the ropes in vicious attack in their Garden bout which Jake won. LaMotta, far off his usual form, had a tough time with the Youngstown, Ohio, welterweight.

to have anything to do with boxing bouts or wrestling exhibitions, in which the writers, judging by their conclusions, seemed to be of the opinion that most fights in the past were "fixed" affairs and that the new law makes it almost impossible for one to engage in such a bout.

I disagree with those writers. In all my years as a sports follower, I have seen probably half a dozen "fixed bouts" and in each of those, the men involved, fighters and managers and seconds, never again had an opportunity to ply their trade before a paid public gathering.

But I am for such a law as is the Pakula bill, and I favor other similar bills that are now before legislatures in other parts of the country.

In order to curb much of the adverse criticism that has been heaped on professional football because of the recent Paris scandal, those seeking to divert attention from the gridiron mess seem to have focused their attention on rapping boxing. Here and there we do find a scoundrel in the pugilistic field, but on the whole, I doubt that any sport in America is conducted on a higher and better plane than boxing.

THE RING, as in the past, shall continue to be the watchdog of the sport and shall criticize or attack those who seek to tear down boxing by foul means, no matter who the culprit or organization, and if any new legislation such as the Pakula bill will help this cause, we are for it. We shall likewise continue to criticize commissions that fail in their duty to supervise the sport properly.

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SOMETIMES boxing commissions go out of their way to foist their authority on people over whom they have no jurisdiction, or attempt to display their powers to the public by acts that call for censure. Such was the recent McGovern case which involved the British Board of Boxing Control, an organization which rules the sport in Great Britain.

An attempt to deprive an individual in good standing as a British citizen of his rights to freedom and happiness, was recently made by that governing body through its honorable secretary, Charles Donmall, when that organization cabled Chairman Eagan of the New York State Commission not to grant a license to Tommy McGovern in this country without as much as giving a single reason for its action!

When one in England or Australia calls attention to the lack of American sportsmanship in dealing with Les Darcy when he came to America, he should remember the McGovern case and hold his tongue!

Here was a lad who had never fought a professional battle. He had served four years and a half in the British Navy with honor.

He appeared in exhibition bouts as an amateur before the American Army of Occupation. He had won honors and distinction as an amateur boxer.

Then he was discharged and decided to come to America to try his luck as a professional and to seek his fortune here, where good boxers get good purses.

He had no funds. Eddie Borden, an American sportsman temporarily living in England, heard of McGovern and after seeing him box in the gymnasium and getting good reports from other sources, decided to advance funds for the boy to come to this country.

He went a step further. He cabled Sammy Goldman, a high class, well cultured former promoter, manager, trainer and referee, asking him to handle McGovern's affairs in order to insure the British boy the best. Goldman had previously developed among other stars Pete Herman and Tony Canzoneri, each of whom he took in hand as an amateur and brought to the top to win world championships.

McGovern and Dave Crowley, who represents the boy in England, were most agreeable to the arrangements, but the British Board of Boxing Control was not. At least, so Mr. Donmall informed McGovern, and when the young service man insisted on making the trip to America to start his pro career rather than to make his debut in England, Mr. Donmall cabled the New York Commission not to grant a license to McGovern.

The New York Board, not knowing the reason for such a request, but in deference to the British Board of Boxing Control, turned down the application of both McGovern and his American mentor, Goldman, with the information that, pending word from Mr. Donmall for the reason for the action sought, McGovern would be banned from fighting in our country.

McGovern took his case up with me. He appealed for help. He was downhearted.

Yes, he was even on the verge of a broken heart, similar to that which finally resulted in the death of Les Darcy for that kind of treatment by the New York Commission when he came here during the first World War and was refused permission to fight because the New York Board deemed him a slacker.

But nothing like that charge could be hurled at McGovern, the brave little fellow who had served his country, Great Britain, for upwards of four years. Yet for a time it seemed to me that the same fate which Les Darcy suffered might be the lot of McGovern because of the action of a great organization in his mother country.

For a fortnight McGovern waited for a reply to the cable Commissioner Eagan, at my request, had sent to the British Board of Boxing Control asking for the reason for the action against McGovern. Every time McGovern thought of his home abroad and of his wife, who has now, thanks to Eddie Borden's generosity, joined him in the U. S., he had tears in his eyes.

"I cannot understand," he said, "why I should be treated so shabbily for doing absolutely nothing other than to refuse to turn professional in England and fight there first."

His case was brought to the attention of the Boxing Commission by THE RING Editor, who argued that McGovern was well within his rights as a visitor to these shores to be given a license to box as was Marcel Cerdan, Harry Silver, Bruce Woodcock, Cyril Gallie and a host of other British, French and even Italian boxers who have come here since the war ended. Surely, we stressed, McGovern was more entitled to recognition than were the Italians, Leto and Aldo Minelli, members of an

enemy country during the last war, who came here recently and are licensed and are now fighting here.

Finally McGovern received his license. The New York Commission, in issuing the license, told the press:

"We asked the British Board, through Mr. Donmall, to give a reason for requesting us to withhold a license from McGovern, but the reason given was insufficient to warrant drastic action here, hence we decided to license the fighter. This Commission was informed that under a rule of the B. B. of B. C., a fighter turning pro must make his debut in England."

Thus what might have resulted in another Les Darcy case was ended, but only after the youthful British subject who gave his best during the war for his King and Country had all the fight taken out of him by the weird action of the organization that controls boxing in Great Britain.

Instead of investigating McGovern, perhaps an investigation of the British Board of Boxing Control would be in order by the British people.

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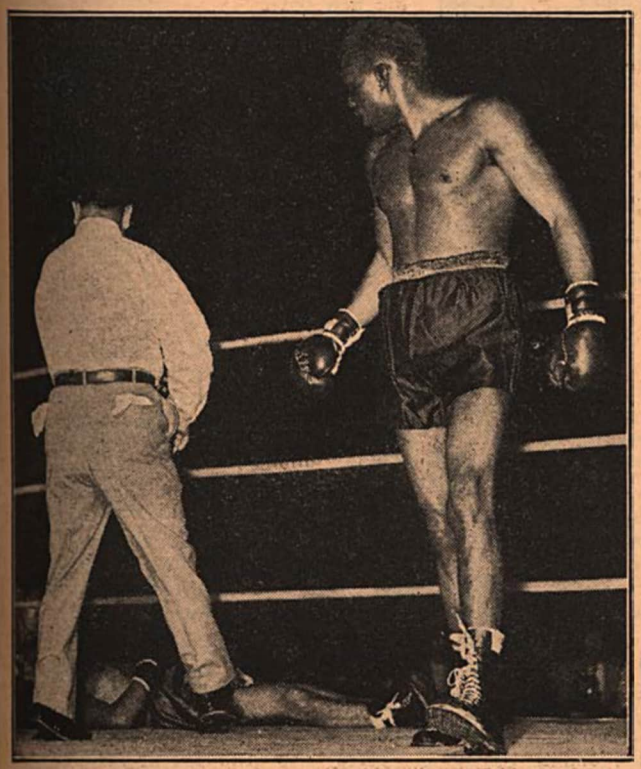
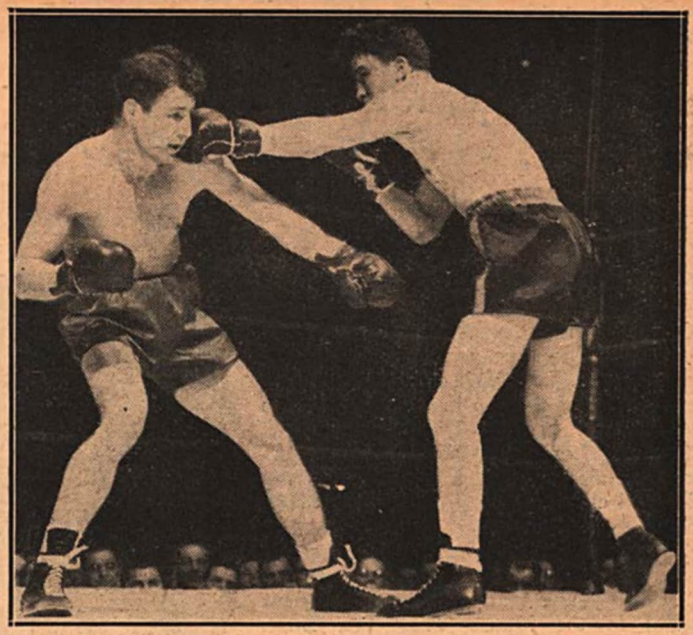
TWO Italian boxers, Enrico Bertola, light-heavyweight champion, and Roberto Proietti, lightweight king, came to the fore in one leap following their recent fights in England in which the former, though knocked out by Freddie Mills in the fifth round, made a decided hit with the fans, and Enrico beat Tommy Barnham. The performances of the visitors were such as to arouse the onlookers to a state of enthusiasm seldom seen in a British arena.

The Mills-Bertola fight, in particular, was such a thriller that the fans and scribes raved about it for several days after the bout. From being an unknown, Bertola jumped into fame at a bound and is now being sought by several managers, including Mike Jacobs' foreign adviser, Lew Burston, for appearances in America.

As for Proietti, he likewise has what it takes to satisfy American fans, according to reports we received from overseas. He is one tough hombre, who can move with speed and can hit. His only fault, according to the British, is that he has a habit of hitting often with the open glove, a la Maxie Rosenbloom, but there is no questioning his fighting ability and punching quality, and his desire to stand toe-to-toe with an opponent and mix it in the style made famous by Jackie Kid Berg.



The knockout of Jesse Flores by Bob Montgomery in two minutes of the third round in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium.



Tippy Larkin displaying his superb boxing ability against Billy Graham. Here Tippy keeps Graham off balance with his left and seeks an opening for his right. Larkin won hands down and gave Garden fans a display of craftsmanship they will never forget.

It won't be long now before the foreign fighters will be headliners throughout this country. They seem to be making far greater progress than are our boys. Newcomers, particularly good boxers and hitters, are badly needed here. We shall welcome fighters, pugilists of the Proietti-Bertola school, but we suggest that hams like the recent importation, Duilo Bertoli Spagnolo, remain in their own backyards instead of being foisted on an unsuspecting American public.

"The Great Spagnolo" made a pitiful showing in his debut with Lee Savold, who knocked him out in the eighth round in Boston. On the other hand, the Minelli brothers seem to have what it takes to make good in the States. In their initial showing at the Ridgewood Club of Brooklyn they made a hit. Importations of the type of Marcel Cerdan will be welcomed with open arms. Palookas had better stay at home.

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IT happened during the month:

A dispatch concerning a recent match in Barrow-in-Furness, England, between George Larvin and Dick Escott:

". . . In the second round, Escott dropped Larvin for a count of four with a hard right. When Larvin arose, Escott cornered him on the ropes in a neutral corner and slammed in a hurricane of punches. In a flurry of blows, both boys connected, Escott rather high up on the cheek and Larvin with a perfect right to the jaw. Escott fell like a log and Larvin stumbled over him, to fall on his hands and knees. Amidst great excitement, the referee counted to seven, when Larvin staggered erect and leaned on the ropes while his opponent was counted out."

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WHEN Scottish Referee Peter Muir, appointed by the British Board of Boxing Control, awarded the 15-round bout to Al Phillips of London over Cliff Anderson, Negro boxer from British Guiana, he raised a rumpus such as has not been on view in a British arena in many years. Defending Anderson with the American equivalent of "He wuz robbed," the sports writers demanded an immediate rematch, eliminating the bar against a Negro boxer fighting for the British national title—separate from the Empire crown—and a clamp on wide open betting at fights. Every paper took a rap at the decision.

Anderson dropped Phillips three times for counts of nine in the fourth round and was credited by the reporters with a victory. An unprecedented demonstration of protest followed the decision by Muir. *(Continued on page 35)*

FUSARI CATCHES FANS' FANCY

Rangy, Raw-Boned Jerseyite Is Finest Prospect to Flash Across Welter Scene Since Ray Robinson Turned Pro

By JERSEY JONES

JUST how good a fighter rangy, rawboned Charley Fusari really is, is something, of course, that remains to be determined. But the twenty-one-year-old blond from Irvington, N. J., is well on his way to becoming one of the top box-office draws in welterweight history. His Jersey "feud" with Tippy Larkin in Madison Square Garden was aired before a sellout gathering of 18,494 clients and a gross gate of $115,455.

After his spectacular performance against clever, ringwise Larkin, there is no saying what the young man will do in his next outing in the House That Tex Built. Charley seems to have caught the fancy of the populace as completely as did Rocky Graziano. And, of course, for the same reason—the explosive dynamite packed in his fists.

There still remain several questions to be answered about Fusari and his fistic qualifications. The youngster does not appear any too rugged, and there is some doubt concerning his ability to stand up under a lusty clout on the chin. He is awkward in his boxing, and at times displays a tendency to become wild and amateurish in his swinging. But these are details that can be properly attended to with experience. On the credit side of Charley's ledger are (a) speed, (b) aggressiveness and (c) about as deadly a pair of hands as this commentator has seen in some little time.

As he shapes up at the moment, Charley Fusari is the finest prospect to flash across the welterweight scene since Ray Robinson turned professional in 1940.

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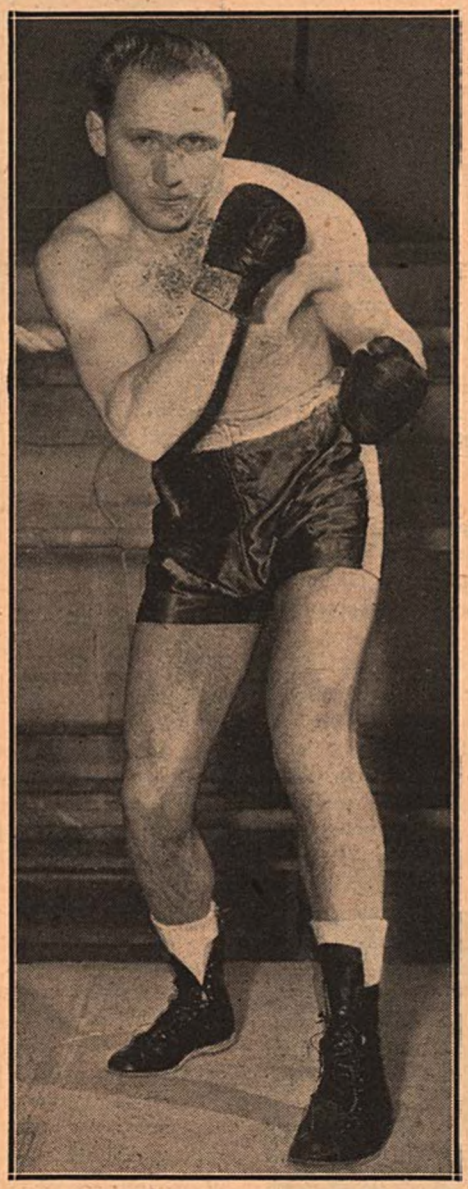
FUSARI never has tasted defeat in either amateur or professional competition. After a brief but highly successful career in Jersey amateur rings, he turned to the money ranks three years ago—in May, 1944—and has since run off a string of forty-eight straight wins, thirty-four of them by knockouts!

Probably no ringman in recent years has been more cleverly or capably handled than Fusari. His manager, Vic Marsillo, realized he had an exceptional prospect in Charley, and he was in no hurry to push the kid to the front. He was content to take the youngster along slowly, gradually learning his trade and gathering valuable experience in the smaller clubs.

For nearly two and a half years Vic nursed Fusari along, carefully picking his spots. It was not until last August that Marsillo felt the Irvington blond was ready to make his real bid. A "natural" had developed in Newark between Fusari and the veteran Freddie Archer. The bout was arranged for Ruppert Stadium.

It was supposed to be the "acid test" for Charley. And the kid came through in sensational fashion. Charley all but flattened the experienced Newarker in the first round, when he dropped Archer four times, and had him staggering drunkenly at the bell. Archer managed to reel through until the fourth stanza, but was so thoroughly beaten he could not answer the gong for the fifth.



Charley Fusari of New Jersey

Fusari's sensational victory over Archer automatically stirred up a clamor for Charley to meet Tippy Larkin. Tippy had dominated the North Jersey fistic scene for nearly ten years. He had beaten Freddie (Red) Cochrane five times before the Elizabeth sorrel-top won the world welterweight title. He had thrice whipped Archer, twice by kayos, and had flattened Billy Beauhuld and Allie Stolz. Fusari's cohorts felt that Charley was the one to put an end to the Garfield Gunner's long reign.

The match was "too big" for an available Jersey arena, so the plum was dropped into Madison Square Garden for a December date. A week before the bout, however, Larkin's wife became ill, and Tippy pulled out of the match. Rugged Chuck Taylor was substituted.

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TAYLOR, a tough hombre out of Coalport, Pa., had previously headlined two Garden cards, losing to Tony Janiro and whipping Tony Pellone. He also had beaten Freddie Archer twice, first in Orange, then at the St. Nick Arena. He figured to put young Fusari to a real test.

For three rounds it looked as though Charley had been overmatched. Bulling his way into close quarters, Taylor made things decidedly uncomfortable for the youngster, and when he dropped Fusari in the third with a left hook to the chin, the outlook was dismal, indeed, for the Irvington blond. But Charley began to find the range in the fourth, and proceeded to deal out terrific punishment to the plodding Pennsylvanian. In the sixth round, Taylor, battered almost into helplessness, barely managed to stagger to his corner at the bell. He was so thoroughly beaten, however, that he could not answer the gong for the seventh.

Following this victory, Marsillo decided that Fusari was deserving of a well-earned rest, and would not fight again until Larkin was ready to go through with their postponed match. His wife recovered from her illness, Tippy finally set February 14 as the new date.

Most of the advance speculation favored Larkin. Tippy, it was felt, would prove too clever, too ringwise, for the youngster.

It is doubtful if the "form charts" ever have taken a more thorough abusing than they did that night. Except for occasional flashes, Larkin never was in the running. Showing little respect for his opponent, Fusari came roaring out of his corner at the first bell, and swarmed all over the Garfield veteran. Midway in the round, a vicious left hook to the chin dropped Larkin for a six count. It was the first of five trips to the canvas for Tippy, who was floored again in the second, the seventh, and twice in the ninth before Referee Arthur Donovan halted the massacre with eleven seconds of the ninth remaining.

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FUSARI'S spectacular drive to stardom recalls some of the many other ring headliners turned out by New Jersey. And they have been many, indeed. From the pioneer days of so-called "modern boxing," and on through the generations of the last half-century, Garden State ringmen have played prominent roles in helping to write some of the most colorful chapters in the annals of the leather-pushing profession.

Jersey has produced its share of world champions—Johnny Buff of Jersey City,

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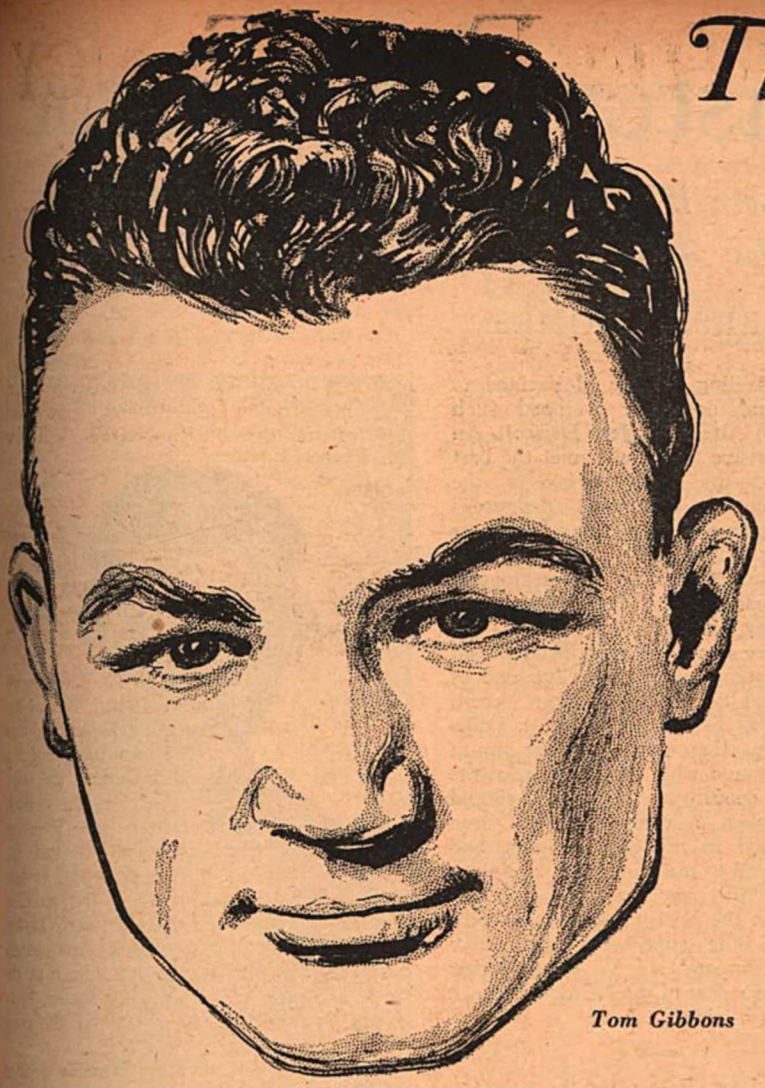
The St. Paul Sheriff

By Art Collins



Tom Gibbons

IN a recent issue of THE RING, the story of Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul Phantom, was told. In this issue, we give the story of the fighting career of Mike's famed brother, Tom, the hard-hitter of the Minnesota battlers.

This very capable light-heavy and heavyweight has frequently been mentioned as the "brother of Mike Gibbons," the St. Paul wraith of the welter division. Yet it would appear after a close inspection of the records of the brothers that Mike received considerable reflected glory from his younger brother. Although Mike was without doubt as clever a boxer and efficient a ring general as ever stepped into the roped square, Tom got considerably nearer to the heavyweight crown than Mike did to either the welterweight or middleweight pinnacle. It has been declared that Mike had no burning ambition to be champion of any class, and ignored opportunities to battle for the title.

Be that as it may, Tom Gibbons had but one ambition and that was to acquire the heavyweight championship of the world. He had one chance at the heavyweight crown when he met Jack Dempsey, the holder, at Shelby, Montana, on July 4, 1923, in a bout limited to 15 rounds. Gibbons, who was born in St. Paul in 1889, had reached his 34th year at the time of the Montana contest, and doubtless had passed the peak of physical condition. On the other hand Dempsey, who was born in 1895, was but 28 years of age and at the top of his form. Despite this disparity of age Gibbons went 15 sizzling rounds with the champion, and lost the decision on points.

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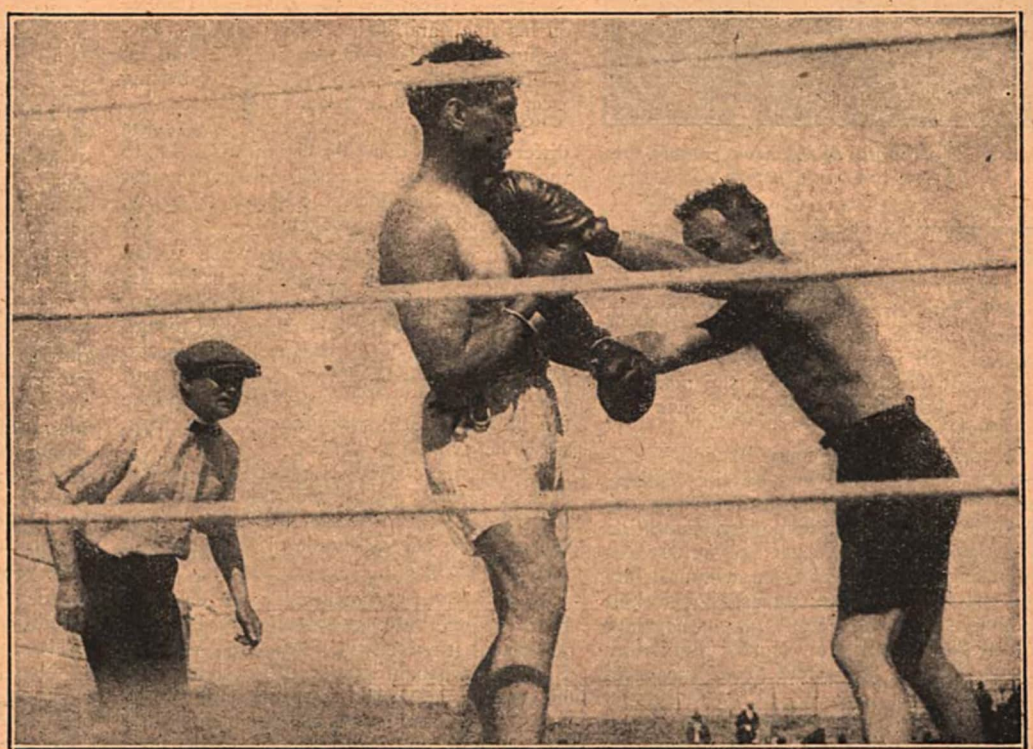
A GREAT many yarns emanated from the Montana town following that battle, several of which were mere poppycock, while others were based on actual occurrences. One of the weird yarns referred to the threats made against the life of Dempsey and Kearns if the champion knocked out Gibbons, because of heavy betting on the part of the Westerners that the challenger would remain the limit. There were no such threats made and there was very little gambling, yet that story was broadcast through the columns of sports scribes and the radio and thousands of fight fans to this day repeat it.

The real story behind the failure of Dempsey to accomplish a kayo, was the fact that in Gibbons, Jack met a clever heavyweight, who wasn't so easy to hit and still hard to knock out, and that Dempsey and Kearns were eager to get their money out of Shelby, and considered that time was an important factor. Therefore it behooved the champ to let up in his attack so that the bout would go the limit, yet it is doubtful if under any conditions Dempsey would have scored a kayo be- *(Continued on page 34)*

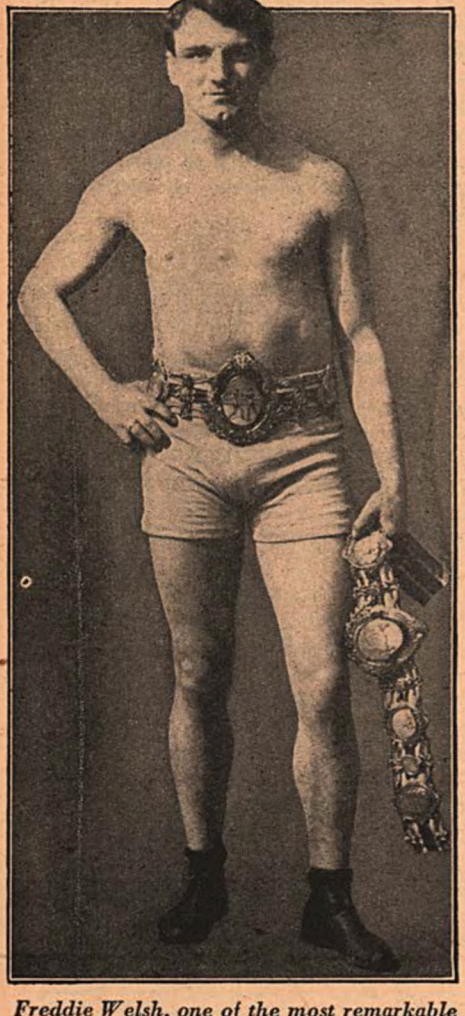


A scene in the fight between Tom and Jack Dempsey in which Gibbons went the route in fifteen rounds.

Welsh, Master Mechanic

Thirty Years Ago, Freddie Lost World Lightweight Title to Benny Leonard and Two Decades Ago, He Passed into Valhalla

By JERSEY JONES



Freddie Welsh, one of the most remarkable boxers the ring produced.

TWENTY YEARS ago this summer, alone, broke, disillusioned, he died in a tiny room of a modest side street hotel, hard by the Broadway he loved so well.

Heart disease, the doctors called it. It was his heart, all right. It had been broken.

A tragic finish for one of the most remarkable boxers the prize ring ever has produced!

You seldom hear the name Freddie Welsh mentioned when veterans of the leather-pushing profession get around to chattering of all-time greats. To the modern generation of fistic followers, Welsh is vaguely recalled only as the gent from whom Benny Leonard wrested the world lightweight championship three decades ago—the night of May 28, 1917, in New York's Manhattan Casino, across the street from the Polo Grounds.

But in your commentator's book, Welsh deservedly rates as one of the real greats of the ring—a master mechanic who knew his trade so thoroughly that he thrice fought the dazzling Packey McFarland to standstills, and decisively whipped such artists as Abe Attell and Jem Driscoll. An amazing defensive boxer who met the best in the world—the cleverest boxers, the toughest sluggers, the most dangerous punchers—for twelve years, and, until his fatal meeting with Leonard, lost only two official decisions, and had never been stopped, nor even knocked off his feet, in one hundred and fifty battles!

Welsh never has been accorded the full measure of recognition justly due one of his exceptional talents. To a large extent, it probably was Freddie's own fault. Folks remember him, when they remember him at all, as a champion who refused to take the business as seriously as they feel it should have been taken, a champion who often was outpointed in no-decision bouts, and seldom bothered to train for what he lightly regarded as "just another night's work."

They forget the Welsh of the pre-championship era—the superb artisan whom Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast, during their reigns as rulers of the 135-pound roost, so studiously avoided.

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ONCE his long chase after the title had ended, and he became champion by outpointing Willie Ritchie, the old spark was missing from Welsh. On only rare occasions did he take his work seriously and flash the sort of stuff of which he was capable. As champion, he could go no higher in his field, and, being of a friendly, easy-going, live-and-let-live nature, he had no desire to amble about the country, belting over ambitious young local favorites.

"So long as I don't get hurt, what's the difference?" he'd smile. "It means a lot to those kids to make a good showing against the champ, and doesn't cost me anything, so why not encourage them?"

There were times, however, when Welsh did become serious enough to train. As, for instance, when he staked his title in a twenty-rounder with that dangerous Chicago left-hooker, Charley White, in Colorado Springs. It was on Labor Day, 1916, and Freddie turned on the pressure to convince the folks he still was tops in his class, when he wanted to be.

To this day, Benny Leonard vividly recalls a certain not-too-pleasant experience with the REAL Freddie Welsh at Washington Park, the old home of the Brooklyn baseball Dodgers.

Leonard, twenty-year-old sensation, had been credited with outpointing Welsh in a ten-round no-decision affair in Madison Square Garden in March, 1916. Benny and his enthusiastic cohorts were quite elated with the performance, but permitted their elation to carry them a bit too far. Various quotations attributed to them in the sports columns of the daily press did not set too well with Welsh. It wasn't often Freddie's amiable disposition became ruffled, but this was one of those rare occasions.

Benny Leonard, who won the crown from Welsh.

"Better get that fresh kid for me again; he has a lesson coming to him," Welsh said to his manager, Harry Pollok.

So, in July of that year, Freddie and Benny hooked up in Brooklyn. The bout served a double purpose for Welsh. It not only enabled him to give Leonard the "lesson" he felt was due the youngster, but it represented an excellent tune-up for his title match with White five weeks later.

Leonard learned a lot about boxing from Welsh that night. Benny was thoroughly outclassed and bewildered by the Briton's amazing fistic repertoire. As one commentator reported: "Welsh redeemed himself for many of the unsatisfactory bouts he has shown in New York. Against Leonard, he was the master—the master giving his pupil a real lesson in the trade. Freddie's exhibition was the quintessence of boxing skill."

The Welsh whom Leonard stopped in nine rounds the following year was an ill-trained, hog-fat veteran of thirty-one, whose conditioning campaign had been confined to a steady round of the Broadway play spots.

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THOUGH a native of Pontypridd, in the Rhondda Valley of South Wales, Welsh, born Fred Hall Thomas, was distinctly a product of American rings. It was

while working as a physical culturist in a Philadelphia gymnasium that he made his fistic debut in 1905. He was then nineteen. A keen, shrewd analyst, well above the ordinary in intelligence, Freddie made an intensive study of boxing; how to feint, shift, counter and slip with punches. He developed one of the finest left hands in the business, and became a master of infighting tactics.

Welsh's rise was rapid. Within a year after fighting his first bout, he was whipping such accomplished performers as Matty Baldwin, Billy Glover and Hock Keyes.

Freddie made his first trip home in 1907, when he ran off a string of wins over such headline Britishers as Seaman Hayes, Young Joseph, Dick Lee and Joe White. Returning to the United States, he trounced Cyclone Kelly, Willie Fitzgerald and Dave Deshler.

It was in 1908 that he fought the first of three stirring battles with the great Packey McFarland. It was over the ten-round route in Milwaukee, and Welsh dropped his first decision. It was close, however, and Freddie, not satisfied with the result, demanded another meeting with the dazzling Chicagoan, but over a longer distance. He was accommodated in Los Angeles. After twenty-five rounds of brilliant boxing, the official verdict was a draw.

In November of that year Welsh definitely established his greatness as a boxer. Abe Attell, then world featherweight champion, was becoming ambitious, casting covetous optics in the direction of the lightweight title. Fighting a fifteen-round draw with the champion, Battling Nelson, in San Francisco added fuel to Abe's aspirational fires. Having held the champion even, Attell boldly offered to meet Welsh, whom Nelson had been avoiding.

Freddie and Abe fought fifteen rounds through a steady rain in the outdoor Jeffries Arena, Vernon, and at the finish Welsh was far out in front on points. It was only a formality for Referee Charley Eyton to raise Freddie's hand and declare him the winner. Welsh had given Attell a lesson in Abe's own specialty, boxing.

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IN the next two years Welsh did considerable commuting between the United States and Britain. In American rings his performances included victories over George Memsic, Young Erne, Ray Bronson, Jack Goodman, Johnny Frayne and Phil Brock, while on the other side he registered triumphs over Johnny Summers, Henri Piet, Joe Heathcote, Dick Bailey, Jack Daniels, Young Joseph and Joe Fletcher.

It was in Britain that Freddie met Packey McFarland for the third time, and whipped his Welsh rival, Jem Driscoll.

After twenty rounds of brilliant boxing in London, there was so little to choose between Welsh and McFarland that the verdict, a draw, was eminently satisfactory to all parties concerned.

The Welsh-Driscoll battle, a red hot "natural" between two of the most accomplished boxers and keenest rivals in British ring annals, was staged in the South Wales metropolis of Cardiff. It was slated for twenty rounds, but Freddie carried entirely too many guns for his shifty opponent, and was declared the winner in the tenth when Driscoll, thoroughly beaten, resorted to roughhouse tactics and was disqualified by Referee Peggy Bettinson for butting. Freddie registered the only knockdown of the bout, when he dropped Jem to his knees in the fourth with a right to the jaw, but on several other occasions Welsh's vicious body punching had Driscoll in distress.

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DURING Nelson's tenure as world lightweight champion, Welsh was unable to inveigle the Durable Dane into the ring with him. When the Battler was succeeded by Ad Wolgast, Freddie promptly started after the rugged Michigander. Wolgast dodged the issue as long as he could, when public demand finally forced him to recognize Welsh's challenge. Ad reluctantly agreed to face the Briton in Los Angeles on November 31, 1911.

A few hours before ringtime, word was received by the promoters that Wolgast had been stricken with appendicitis. The title match, of course, was out, but it was decided to go ahead with a substitute show. An ambitious young Californian, just beginning to attract serious attention in fistic circles, offered to fight Welsh. The youngster, though beaten in twenty rounds, immediately established himself as a topliner and title contender by his unexpectedly fine showing against the cagy Welsh.

It was one of those strange twists of a whimsical fate that the youngster, who "made" himself at Welsh's expense, was, less than three years later, to lose the world lightweight title to Freddie.

He was Willie Ritchie, destined to beat Welsh to the match with Wolgast. Willie won the title from Ad in Daly City late in 1912.

Welsh, meanwhile, continued along his winning way. He lost one decision to Matt Wells in London, but whipped Matt in a return match there. Also in the British capital, Freddie trounced Hughie Mehegan, the Australian. On this side of the pond, Welsh outpointed Matty Baldwin, Grover Hayes, Lockport Jimmy Duffy, Milburn Saylor, Fighting Dick Hyland, Phil Bloom, Johnny Dundee, Joe Rivers, Leach Cross and Joe Mandot. He also made an extensive tour of Canada, appearing against local favorites in Montreal, Winnipeg, Windsor, Moose Jaw, Edmonton and Vancouver.

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THEN, in July, 1914, Welsh finally achieved his long-cherished ambition to battle for the world lightweight title. Ritchie accepted terms to defend the championship against him in a twenty-rounder in London.

At the time much was made of the unusual system of scoring used by Referee Eugene Corri in awarding the decision and title to Welsh on the narrow margin of one point. Ritchie, of course, protested loudly, but impartial accounts of the scrap gave Welsh the edge; a close one, perhaps, but clear enough.

Having succeeded in cornering the crown after nearly eight years of futile pursuit, Welsh now concentrated on his one real ambition—a modern health farm.

To round up the necessary bankroll, Freddie became one of the busiest champions the ring has known. He fought anybody and everybody, anywhere. From October, 1914, when he landed back in the United States, until May, 1917, when he lost the title to Leonard, Welsh engaged in forty-two bouts against the best ringmen of the period, among them Ritchie again, Charley White four times, Richie Mitchell twice, Joe Shugrue twice, Frankie Whitney twice, Johnny Griffiths, Rocky Kansas, Frankie Fleming, Johnny Kilbane, then featherweight champion, and Leonard three times. He also accommodated a couple of ex-champions who, when they ruled the roost, had dodged the issue with him—Nelson and Wolgast.

But a lot of the old zest had gone out of Welsh. Freddie fought often enough, but only for the money the bouts represented. Most of his outings were of the no-decision variety, where the only way he could lose the title was by a knockout—and Freddie was too cagy, too clever for anything of that sort to happen to him. Finally, in poor condition, he fell before Leonard. Dropped twice in the ninth round—the only knockdowns ever scored against him—Freddie was hanging limply on the ropes when Referee Kid McPartland stopped the bout.

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ANNOUNCING his retirement from the ring, Welsh with his earnings, purchased a pretentious 150-acre estate in the Long Hill section of Chatham, near Summit, N. J., and converted it into one of the finest health institutions in the nation. But Freddie, shrewd though he had been in the ring, was not so shrewd as a business man. He became enmeshed in all sorts of financial tangles.

Welsh temporarily closed down the place in 1918 when, at the close of the first World War, his knowledge of physical culture was put to excellent use by the Army. Commissioned an officer, Freddie was given charge of reclamation work at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, teaching disabled veterans to regain the use of their war-torn muscles.

Returning to civilian life late in 1919, Welsh made a desperate effort to reestablish his health farm. In need of ready cash, he staged a ring comeback in 1921, knocking out Willie Green in Newark, beating Bert Forbes in Calgary, and drawing with Clonie Tait in Winnipeg, but called it quits when he lost a decision to clever young Archie Walker at the old Clermont Rink in Brooklyn.

Welsh never did succeed in making a success of his health farm. It deteriorated rapidly, and finally was sold early in 1927 to satisfy a mortgage.

It was a bitter, crushing blow to Freddie, a blow from which he never recovered. Broke, he bundled his loyal wife, Fanny, and two youngsters, Betty and Freddie, Jr., off to relatives while he sought vainly for help from those he had thought his friends.

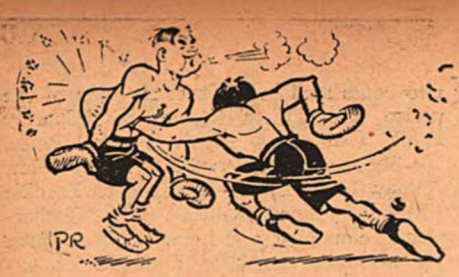
Ignored and rebuffed at every turn, Freddie tramped the streets of New York, looking for a job, any sort of job.

The morning of July 29, 1927, Welsh's lifeless body, clad in pajamas and bathrobe, was discovered on the floor of his third-rate hotel room. Freddie was only forty-one.

Apparently he had been reading when he toppled over from a heart attack. On the bed was a copy of "Elbert Hubbard of East Aurora". The book was opened at a page which began:

"Get your happiness out of work, or you will never know what happiness is."

Irony, at times, can be grim, indeed.



FROM THE OLDTIMER'S SCRAPBOOK

THE KILLER INSTINCT

ON the eve of the Battle of the Sesquicentennial, Harry Greb announced that he was betting on Tunney, "Why, Harry," said a scribe, McGeehan of the *New York Herald Tribune,* "you beat him once, and you know very well that he is not a natural fighter."

"Oh, yes, I know that he is not a natural fighter and that he does not look like a fighter and he does not act like a fighter," replied Greb. "But at the same time nobody ever beats him much. He is one of those fellows who will not be beaten."

Of all of the heavyweight champions, Gene Tunney was the most heavily handicapped from the beginning. He was utterly lacking in that killer instinct which has been held essential in a successful prize-fighter. John L. Sullivan had it to a superlative degree. His instinct was to rush from the corner at the first tap of the bell and to drive home the right to the jaw with all possible dispatch. Corbett had it under the pleasant mask he wore in the ring. Fitzsimmons had it. The sullen Jeffries had it. Even Willard was a killer, though the killer look never came to his expressionless face.

But there was no trace of this in Tunney. He would meet a killer more than half-way, as he met Dempsey rushing in to batter him down, with a right that drove the killer back. If the prize-fight business were what they call it, the "art of self-defense," Tunney would be regarded as the greatest of all champions. But that is a sad misnomer.

James Joseph Tunney had everything that they say a heavyweight champion should possess, and yet the ring followers to this day resent the fact that he wore the mantle of Sullivan. Oh, well, when Tunney has become a legendary figure as "John L." has become, he will be a more gallant and glamorous memory.

One of these days, Gene Tunney will receive the credit due him as a fighter. He may not rank among the first five great heavyweights, but he did possess sufficient fighting qualities to keep his name up among the leaders. He was a shining example of what one could do through perseverance, concentration and determination. He made a fighter out of himself.

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PUGILISM'S ORIGIN

TO trace the history of pugilism one must delve back into ancient lore to the days of the early Greeks and Romans. In the era when Greece and Rome were the leading empires of the world, they held sway through the dauntless fighting courage of their soldiers. Might ruled right, and the supremacy of a country as a power was established on the battlefield.

To maintain the fighting prowess of their soldiers was a leading problem with Greece and Rome. Their strength was built upon the valor of their soldiers. It was realized that a spirit of fearlessness and aggressiveness would have to be encouraged not only in the soldiers, but also built up in the youth of the land, from whom the future soldiers would be chosen.

For this reason boxing became one of the leading sports of both Greece and Rome, for the rulers realized that as a sport it tended to develop the qualities most necessary in a soldier—courage, strength and skill. Such real fighting men did boxing make of the Grecian youth that even after Rome conquered Greece and overran the country, the young Greeks would often arise and attack the invading Romans. It was only by prohibiting the holding of boxing and other athletic contests in any of the Grecian cities, that the Roman generals were able to deaden the warlike spirit of the Greeks.

But boxing in the early Greek and Roman days was a cruel sport, because the contestants' fists were covered with plates of bronze or lead, or strips of bull's hide studded with knobs of metal. A blow delivered with such a weapon often resulted in death.

Strange as it may seem, boxing existed in China and Siam, countries little known in the world of sport. The "Boxers" of China were literally boxers, who were trained in an attempt to make of the Chinese a warlike people. Even in the present age boxing tournaments are held in Siam. The Siamese boxers use both feet and hands and their principal blows are delivered with the ball of the foot.

While boxing really originated in the historical contests of Greece and Rome, the sport, as it is now admired and followed, was first established in England. Boxing had for centuries existed in England, but it was not until 1719 that it was recognized as a sport. In that year James Figg, having won a number of bare fist contests, declared himself champion of England. The services of Figg were much in demand by roystering young noblemen who looked for trouble and then had Figg do their fighting.

For more than a century after 1719 England boasted many champions, and in the meantime the sport was taking hold in America and becoming very popular. In fact as the game grew in America, so, too, did its popularity spread. The early part of the nineteenth century found the sport well established in both countries and today it rates tops as an American pastime, only second to baseball in popularity.

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JOHN "L", RECORD HOLDER

LOOKING over the records of American and world heavyweight champions, you'll find that John L. Sullivan took part in more fights after whipping Paddy Ryan with bare knuckles for the American title in 1882 than any of his successors. Sullivan fought thirteen times before knocking out Ryan in seven rounds to win the American bare knuckle title in 1882. During nine months in 1883, John L. toured the United States, offering $1,000 to any man who could stay four rounds with him, and proceeded to knock out fifty with his "terrible right." The names of those victims never have been included in Sullivan's ring record, but there is no doubt as to the truth of his remarkable performances in bouts with "unknowns" who tried to win his offer.

The record of the "Boston Strong Boy" shows that he had participated in twenty-six "regular fights" after stopping Ryan, up to the battle with Corbett on September 7, 1892, at New Orleans, which was his first and only defeat. . . . Joe Louis has defended his title twenty-three times. The activity of Corbett as the champion, covering a period of four and one-half years, was confined to four bouts, with Mitchell, Courtney, Sharkey and Bob Fitzsimmons. Gentleman Jim stopped Mitchell in two rounds and Courtney in six, each lasting one minute while the first moving pictures of a championship battle were taken at Edison's laboratory in Jersey. Corbett boxed a four-round draw with Tom Sharkey before losing the title to Fitzsimmons at Carson City, Nev., in 1897.

Fitzsimmons was inactive, except for vaudeville engagements, during 1898, but a year later he defended the world title for the first time and was put away by Jeffries in eleven rounds. Jeffries ruled the heavyweight division for seven years, during which he fought ten times, beating all comers, including Fitz, in a return match, Corbett twice, Sharkey, Jack Munroe and others.

Jeffries retired from the ring, unbeaten, in 1905, and handed his title to Marvin Hart after the latter had knocked out Jack Root. . . . Hart was recognized as champion for only eleven months when Tommy Burns beat him on a referee's decision in twenty rounds. Burns was the title holder for three and one-half years. He indulged in ten battles before Jack Johnson whipped him in 1908.

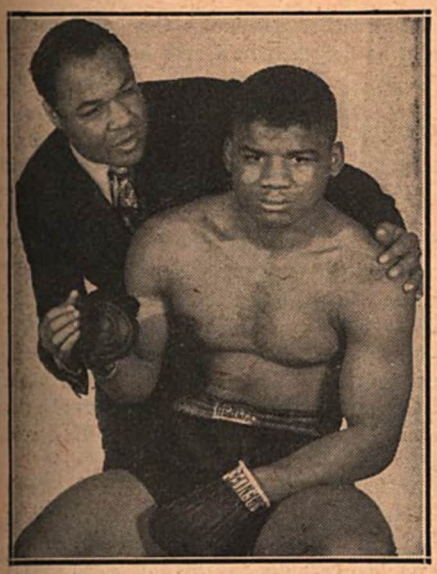
Johnson, as the heavyweight king, had five fights in 1909 and then met Jeffries at Reno on July 4, 1910. Jeffries, though idle for five years, was induced to return to the ring to "regain the championship for the white race," but hard training for three months finally shattered his nervous system and Johnson stopped him in the fifteenth round.

For seven years Johnson reigned as world champion until Jess Willard stowed him away in twenty-six rounds at Havana in 1915. Although Willard wore the crown for four years, he appeared in the ring twice—in a ten-round no-decision bout with Frank Moran in the old Garden, which was easily won by the champion, and in his losing fight with Jack Dempsey at Toledo on July 4, 1919.

Dempsey, who lost his title to Gene Tunney in the Sesquicentennial Stadium in Philadelphia, held the crown for more than seven years, during which time he defended his title in only six championship fights and collected several million dollars. Tunney retired, undefeated, after twice whipping Dempsey and also defeating Heeney.

Making Strides

By HARVEY THORNE



Henry Armstrong, one of the ring's all-time greats, gives a few pointers to his fast-coming protege, Smuggy Hursey.

JOE PYLE

NEW WATERFORD, Nova Scotia, has a colorful welter in Joe Pyle, a Negro leather tosser who may not have the best record in the world but who can be counted on to give everything he has whenever he enters the ring. He is a good club fighter.

Pyle is only twenty-two and has not been in the pro game very long, but he has become a favorite in his sector. He is guided in his ring endeavors by Sylvio Mireault and Russ Leighton of Montreal.

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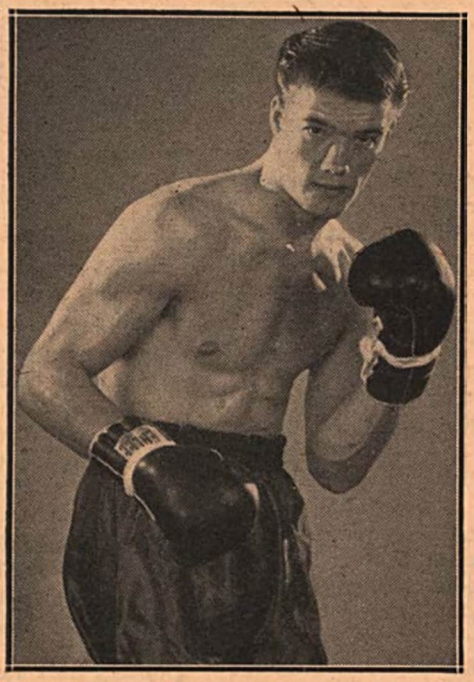
PAT McCAFFERTY

THE corn belt has a hot bet in twenty-one-year-old Pat McCafferty, an Irish socker who has tallied eleven wins with no losses. Pat served twenty-eight months aboard the aircraft carrier *Enterprise* and was awarded the purple heart as well as being decorated for bravery. In the March issue he was picked by this magazine as the light-heavyweight prospect of the month.



The Mid-West has a light-heavyweight comer in ex-sailor Pat McCafferty.

McCafferty, who looks like a choir boy but fights like a satan, has dusted off eight of his opponents via the knockout route. In his first pro go, he put the quietus on Joe Feathers in one round. In his next outing, he stopped Cecil McClellan and duplicated this feat at a later date. His other kayoes were over King Cole, Lloyd Barnett, Tony Rayes, Jack Blackwolf and Acie Dearing. He also took decisions from Joe Musick, Charley Jerome and John Gully.

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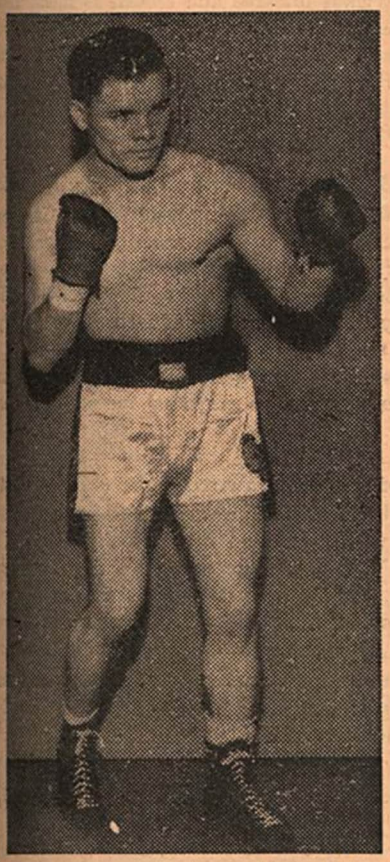
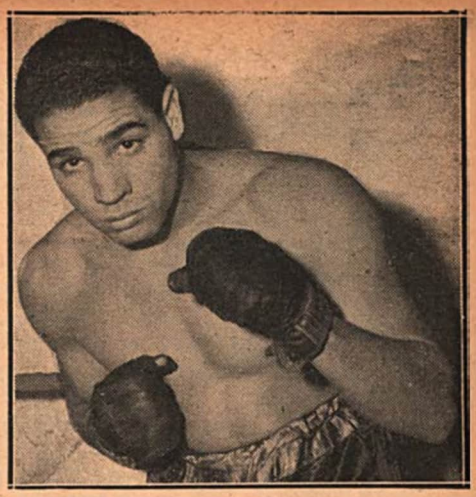
VINCE FOSTER

A BRIGHT prospect to loom across the Omaha, Nebraska, fistic horizon is Vincent Foster, a 20-year-old welter with a record of thirteen straight wins and no losses. Eight of his thirteen victories were by kayoes.

A little short for a welterweight, Vince makes up for it by the dynamite carried in his right mitt. His knockout victims were Bob Heath, Gene Frederickson, Joe Danos, Howard Carr, Mickey Wilson, Roy Lewis, Wally Holm and Joey Pirrone. He decisioned Willie Duncan, Booker T. Ellis, Joe Danos and Harold Alle.



Vince Foster, Omaha welterweight, undefeated to date.



Joe Pyle, Canadian welterweight.

Foster entered the pay ranks in July of 1946 after winning the Mid-West A.A.U. Golden Glove Championship. Within four months of turning pro Vince had his first affair in a main event.

Joe Lee manages the Omaha ringster.

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SMUGGY HURSEY

WHATEVER the reason or reasons, it is a strange fact that great ringmen seldom become outstanding as managers or developers of fistic talent. But Henry Armstrong, old "Hammerin' Hank," one of the most remarkable performers in the long annals of boxing, seems on the way to hitting the jackpot with Smuggy Hursey, 19-year-old Washington, D. C., middleweight, who has been rapidly punching his way to the front of the division.

In his first two years of boxing, Hursey showed exceptional promise in battles with such seasoned campaigners as Danny Kapilow, Chuck Taylor and Bee Bee Washing-

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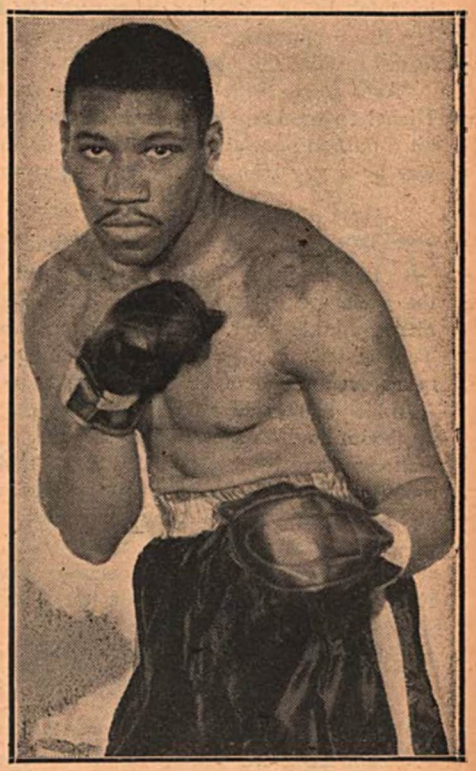

Bob "Flash" Amos, undefeated light-heavy from Detroit.

Stories *of the* Roped Square

By TED CARROLL

A BUNCH of his G.I. pals were whiling away a summer evening in the barracks over at Mitchell Field with old George Nicholson, back in 1943. Top Sergeant Nicholson at the time if you please, listening to the amiable big man's tales of his many years as Joe Louis' chief sparmate.

"Boy, Nick," began one of the listeners, "that musta got kinda rough boxing that man day after day, didn't it? That couldna been so healthy gettin' hit by Joe all the time. I bet you can still feel some o' them blows."

"Well, it wasn't no cinch, but after a while I got sorta used to it and it got to be just like a regular routine. I musta boxed more than a thousand rounds with the Champ all together. He dropped me just once in all that time, that one hurt, lemme tell you, but I got hit a punch that I'll never forget and it wasn't by Louis either.

"Up in Yonkers, my home town, they thought a lot of me. I was goin' good for a while and whenever anybody for miles around saw a big husky lookin' guy they'd bring him around to box with me because they figured I was a good natured fellow who wouldn't hurt a beginner.

"Well, one day a fellow breezes in with a big strong looking Polish kid, his name was so hard to pronounce I can't remember it. The fellow said he'd been hittin' guys with one punch in street fights all over the county and they'd lay there like dead. He'd never fought in a ring.

"They wanted me to try him out. I looked him over after he stripped down and he was a real husky. They lace the gloves on him, we get in the ring and he hardly knew his right from his left. The guy with him yelled 'Time'. I didn't bother about a headguard. I figured I was just being nice and would fool around with this rookie a while.

"He came out so funny I don't know to this day whether he was a southpaw or not. The next thing I knew I thought the roof fell in on me. My legs went dead and I fell forward right into the guy's arms. That's all that held me up. He was so green he didn't know what had happened. My head cleared up enough for me to mumble, 'Easy, boy, lemme show you somethin'.' I leaned on him till my head cleared.

"As a boxer he was a hopeless case, but he sure hit George Nicholson the hardest punch he ever felt. 'Sa funny world. I get hit a million punches by Joe Louis and the one I remember most was by a guy who never even fought in a ring!"

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TOMMY FARR, the Toughie from Tonypandy, had a similar tale he used to tell. Tommy went 15 rugged rounds with the great Louis, had two give and take tussles with dynamite hitting Maxie Baer. But the fight that almost "done me in" as Tommy tells it took place in an obscure English town and he never even found out the blighter's name.

In his younger days Farr, like most English boxers, was a boxing booth boy. As a carnival attraction, he toured the countryside walloping any local yokel who cared to try him. Tommy was a tough one from the earliest and all went well until one day after the customary barker's defi to the crowd.

"A fancy dressed fellow, a 'toff' we call them, stepped out and said, 'I think I'll have a go with you my good fellow,'" related Farr. "He was all togged out like a real dude, he was. Well, anyway, he stepped up on the stage and give me as right good a going over as I've ever gotten before or since."

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IT might be supposed a man who had met Jack Dempsey and Sam Langford when both those worthies were at their best would nominate either one or the other as the most devastating puncher he had ever met. Well, you're in for a surprise because Gunboat Smith, who did just that, nominates Georges Carpentier as the guy who hit him harder than he'd ever been hit.

"It was over in London, we were going along nice just boxing around, suddenly the Frenchman got down almost to the floor, and the next minute I thought Buckingham Palace had fallen on me. What a punch that was, I never saw it but I can feel it twenty years later."

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THE average person often wonders how fighters become fighters. The great majority are pugnacious youngsters and it's simply a case of nature taking its course before they eventually wind up in the ring.

Some men have become professional pugilists in unusual ways, however. One of the strangest of these concerns the old Akron rubber puddler, K.O. Christner. If the movies were to film this one, it would be dismissed as just so much more Hollywood hokum but it actually happened this way.

Old K.O., born Meyer, had plodded an uneventful path through life right beyond his 32nd birthday, as just another family raising factory laborer out in his native Akron. A bald father of four, the only punching Meyer had ever done in his thirty odd years of life, was on the time clock day after day. That a man like this would wind up in the prize ring at a stage of life when athletes talk of retiring, is incredible but that's just what happened.

Always a strong fellow, Christner minded his own business. Every now and then a fellow worker would ask his aid in some strength requiring task, but that was the extent of his exercising.

All laboring gangs have their bullies and Christner's plant was no exception. With the flair that bulldozers have for picking on the inoffensive, this one somehow got embroiled with mild old Meyer. The bully swung, so did Christner; an hour later they were still trying to bring the other fellow to.

Fellow workers and friends bragged and kidded so much about the tyrant's downfall, Meyer Christner, aged 32, father of four, actually entered an amateur tournament. What happened to the bully was no accident, the rival simon pures went down and out in a couple of punches and 'K.O.'—no longer Meyer—Christner had become a fighter!

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SORE FEET eased Henry Armstrong into the ring. In his kid days Henry was fascinated for some reason by old Cash and Carry Pyle's Bunion Derby, coast to coast run. Henry started out to be a distance runner. Hank's spirit was willing but his dogs gave out, and he had about decided to turn to song writing when a relative got the happy inspiration that endurance like Henry's might have its uses in the ring.

How right the relative was, everybody knows, for Armstrong turned out to be the closest thing to perpetual motion ever seen.

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BECAUSE he stopped to watch a street fight, old Pop Foster launched one of the most brilliant ring careers and made himself a rich man. A wandering soul in his younger days, Old Pop found himself in Vancouver one summer's day long ago. Attracted by a shouting circle of kids Pop mosied on over, peered over the heads of the small fry, to observe a tiny cherubic youngster fighting with a boy twice his size and not doing half bad.

According to Pop, the tot was good even then, so good that Foster made speedy inquiries about him. Learning that the lad was one of a teeming family of many hungry mouths, Pop moved swiftly into the good graces of the McLarnin family. Taking no chances the cagy oldster legally adopted little Jimmy and the saga of Jimmy McLarnin had begun.

From that time on, Pop Foster was a real dad to the little Irish battler. No manager ever cared for his protege more than did the old warrior from Western Canada. *(Continued on page 35)*

Tommy FARR went the LIMIT with LOUIS.. TWICE FOUGHT MAX BAER.. But GOT the LICKING he ALWAYS REMEMBERS from a TOTAL STRANGER!..
I'LL TRY YOU.. OLD CHAP.
ERE ERE. WOTS THIS?
Tommy FARR
..Pop FOSTER WATCHING A KID STREET SCRAP.. PICKED UP Jimmy McLARNIN and a FORTUNE.!
LANGFORD and DEMPSEY TOOK THEIR SHOTS at Gunboat SMITH.. but the GUNNER SAYS NO ONE EVER HIT HIM AS HARD AS Georges CARPENTIER!..
Tony ZALE ..RETIRED from the RING in 1936...
Sgt. George ..NICHOLSON.. ...SPARRED HUNDREDS of ROUNDS with Joe LOUIS.. says..the HARDEST BLOW HE EVER FELT CAME FROM an UNKNOWN!.
..K.O. CHRISTNER DISCOVERED HE HAD a K.O. WALLOP at the AGE of 32!
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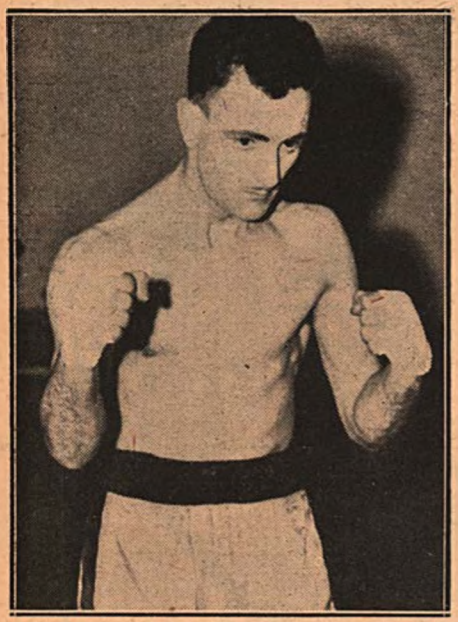
Britain's Youngsters Promising

By BRYN JONES



Lightweight Stan Hawthorne boasts amazing knockout record.

LONDON—It is a sad but undeniable fact that Britain, the cradle of modern boxing, and producer of such ring immortals as Jim Figg, Tom Cribb, Jem Mace, Charley Mitchell, Bob Fitzsimmons, Nunc Wallace, Jem Driscoll, Owen Moran, Freddie Welsh, Ted Kid Lewis and Jimmy Wilde, has not been particularly successful in its fistic fortunes in recent years.

In an overall check of Britain's post-war activities on the international front, the homebreds haven't compiled too impressive a record against their American and Continental European opponents.

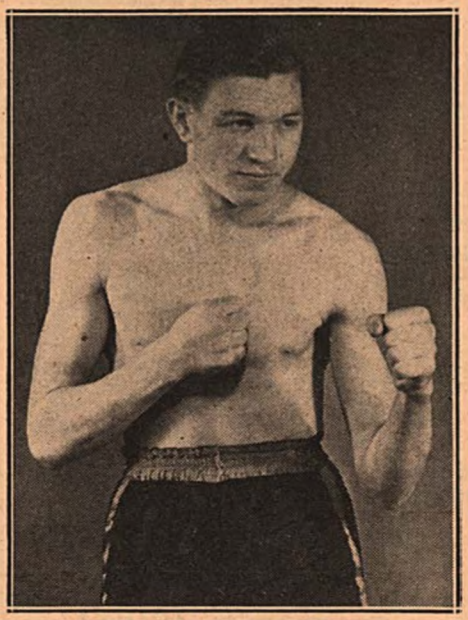
But the outlook has begun to assume an encouraging complexion. In recent months some exceptionally fine youngsters have been discovered in England, Wales and Scotland, and indications are that in another year or two Britain will again occupy a prominent position in world competition.

One of the finest prospects uncovered so far is a young Welsh welterweight, Eddie Thomas, who turned professional last year after winning every amateur title for which he competed.

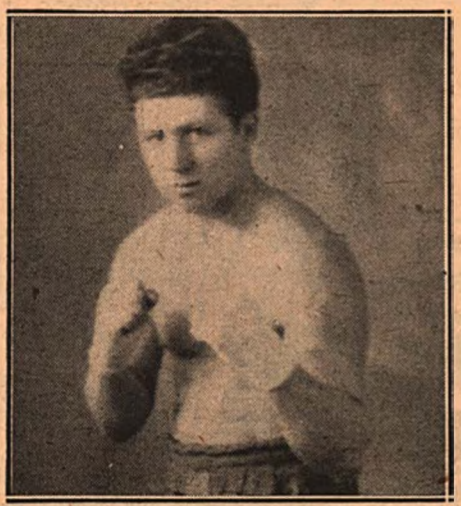
Randolph Turpin, youngest of the three Turpin brothers of Leamington, has been living up to all the enthusiastic predictions made for him when he graduated from the amateur ranks last year. Turpin, a good boxer and terrific puncher, is the current middleweight rage of England. He has engaged in only seven pro bouts so far, but has won them all, six by knockouts, and in his last two starts he flattened such experienced ringmen as Johnny Best and Bert Hyland in one round apiece.

Cliff Curvis, the Welsh southpaw, is another lad who appears destined for a conspicuous position in the boxing world. Curvis ran into disaster last winter when he was knocked out by seasoned Al Phillips, but the youngster, only 19 at the time, wasn't ready for such formidable opposition. Cliff seems to have shaken off the effects of that setback and, as a lightweight, has resumed his winning ways. He's a remarkable boxer for a southpaw.

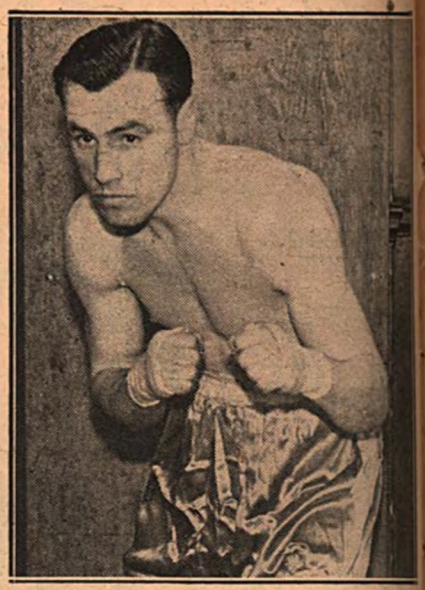
Willing Scottish mixer is welterweight Willie Whyte.



Touted as brilliant welterweight prospect is Eddie Thomas.



Lusty punching is middleweight Alby Hollister's forte.



Bert Jackson is one of Britain's top featherweights.

The voluble Tony Vaivo, Liverpool manager, is "mothering" quite a brood of militant youngsters who have been displaying signs of going places in boxing. One of them is Stan Hawthorne, North Shields lightweight, and possessor of an amazing knockout record.

Bert Jackson, rugged Fleetwood featherweight, and Willie Whyte, willing Scottish welter, are two other members of the busy Vaivo troupe.

Offering no pretensions to skill, and relying almost entirely on a thunderous wallop, Alby Hollister, London middleweight, is another lad who is now showing steady progress.

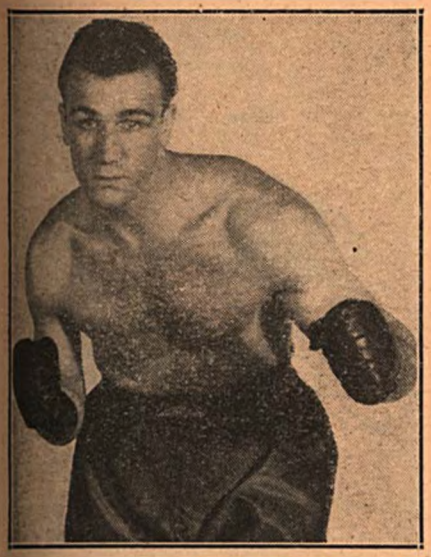
Billy Thompson, of Hickleton Main, is one of the best of Britain's younger crop of lightweights. Billy has lost only two decisions in two years and forty bouts. One of them was to Stan Hawthorne, but he has twice beaten Josef Preys.

Three exceptionally promising juveniles are 17-year-old Bobby Boland, Scottish flyweight, and Emlyn Jones, Welsh featherweight, and 16-year-old Danny Sewell, Islington light-heavyweight.

Among the many other good youngsters who will bear a lot of serious watching are bantamweights Laurie Morrow of Thornaby and Willie Rigby of Southport; featherweights Ronnie Taylor of Horwich, Freddie Simpson of Thornaby, Johnny Molloy of St. Helens and Mias Johnson of Alfreton; lightweights Hal Bagwell of Gloucester, Vernon Ball and Johnny Morgan of Wales, Mickey Duff of Aldgate, Rugger North of South Elmsall, Billy Davies of Birmingham, Harry Sargent of Denver, Emmett Kenny of St. Helens, Jimmy Holland of Jersey and Val Young of Sunderland; welterweights Johnny Fox of Liverpool, Tony Tofield of West Ham, Charley Mapp of Dagenham, Joe Cassidy of Scotland, Keith Weston of Wisbech and Ted Lidbury of Deptford, and middleweights Fred Johnson of Islington and Joe Beckett of Hempnall. Joe Carr, hard-hitting fellow-townsman of Stan Hawthorne's in South Shields, is another worth tabbing for future reference.

JERSEY JOLTERS

By HARVEY BRIGHT



A popular welterweight, Joe Lucignano of Hoboken.

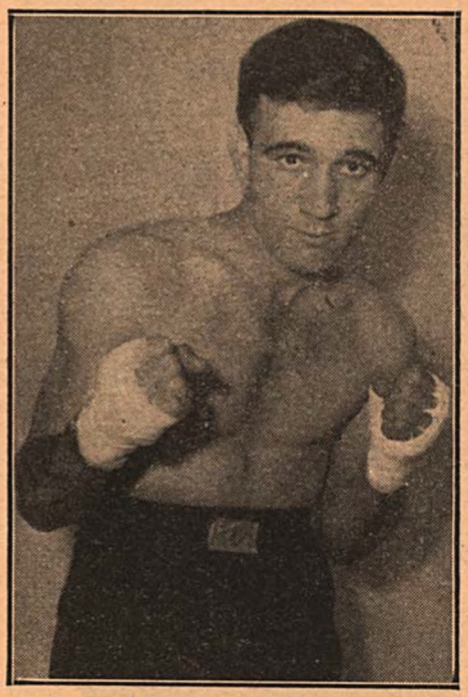
OLD favorites pass along, and new ones step in to replace them. Through the years, the sovereign state of New Jersey has continued to occupy a conspicuous spot in the pugilistic scene, with a prolific production of champions and near-champions, and a steady supply of up-and-coming youngsters ever ready to fill in for the fading veterans. With the possible exceptions of California during the early years of the century, and New York in more recent times, probably no commonwealth in the Union has consistently uncovered more and/or better ringmen than the Garden State.

And the parade continues. While Charley Fusari is the latest Jerseyite to hit the top brackets, there's a veritable army of other youngsters bidding for headline recognition.

One of the most promising collections of ambitious juveniles now operating in the metropolitan area is the troupe handled by Joe Vella, manager of Gus Lesnevich. Chubby Joe, building for the day that Gus hangs up the gloves, is concentrating on kids, and so far has come up with three exceptionally fine prospects in Bernie Reynolds, light-heavyweight; Mike DeCosmo, welterweight, and Tommy Baker, featherweight.

An unusual angle to the setup is that Vella's entire ensemble boasts a war service background. While Lesnevich was in the Coast Guard, Joe himself was in the army, and it was during his assignment as boxing instructor at Camp Stewart, Ga., that he first became acquainted with Reynolds, DeCosmo and Baker. The promise they displayed in post bouts prompted Joe to invite them to get in touch with him when they were back in civilian circulation. They did. It has been suggested that Vella list his aggregation as "GI Joe's GI Joes."

Reynolds, in his first year of pro campaigning, ran off nineteen wins, sixteen by kayoes, in twenty starts, and capped his impressive record by whipping experienced Jackie Cranford in a Madison Square Garden semi-final. Reynolds is a good boxer, with an aggressive style patterned after Lesnevich's.

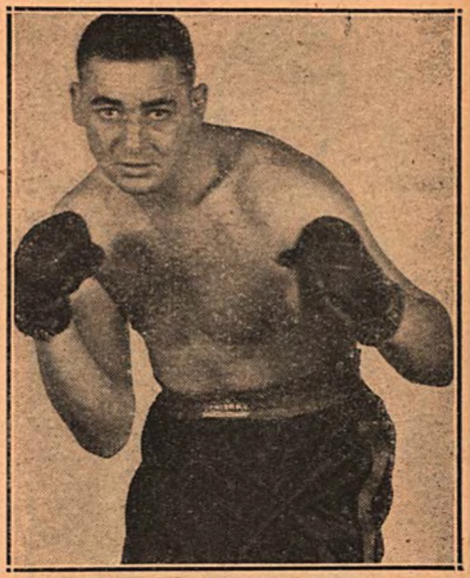


Welterweight Mike DeCosmo, who boasts an impressive knockout record.

DeCosmo, a southpaw, and a terrific belter, recently outpunched speedy Joe Lucignano of Hoboken in a bruising battle in Elizabeth. Previously, Mike had piled up a score of seventeen knockouts in twenty-two outings, the best known victims of his lusty larruping having been Harry Preston, Allie Wolfe, Jimmy Thurman and Humberto Zavala.

Baker, a colorful youngster, with a hefty wallop for one of his size, has been fighting professionally only since January, but already has begun to attract serious attention in featherweight circles. Among Tommy's performances have been a quick knockout of clever Vic Young and two decisions over experienced Frankie Gerrard.

Colorful, hard-hitting featherweight prospect, Tommy Baker.



Willis (Red) Applegate, who is attracting attention in heavyweight circles.

Lucignano, though edged out by DeCosmo, is another lad who seems headed for important places in the boxing world. An outstanding amateur, Joe had just turned pro when the war broke out and he entered the army. Resuming his ring career upon his discharge, the Hoboken lad dropped only one decision in twenty-six starts before his meeting with DeCosmo. Combining clever boxing with snappy punching, Lucignano had beaten, among others, Charley Howard, Pat Murray, Ruby Garcia, Aurillo Vasquez, Vic Moreno, Willie Odom and Vic Pignatore. Hoboken Joe is handled by Teddy Gleason, genial host of the Greenwood Lake resort that has become so popular as a boxers' training camp.

"Sad Sam" Rose, of Newark, who has been associated with quite an array of prominent Jersey ringmen during the last quarter of a century, also has come up with an ex-army product. The youngster is Harold Stine, Negro lightweight, coached and trained by Al Bryant, clever Newark lightweight of the 1920's. Harold has been coming along steadily. In Jersey rings he has beaten such good ones as Jimmy Esposito, Lou Castrilli, Al Mazerol and Bobby Thomas, while in New York appearances he has knocked out Phil Thomas and Don Bleta, and given the sensational Tony LaBua a stiff argument.

Another former ring star doing a good job of developing a young fighter is Roscoe Manning, one-time Nutley middleweight. Manning is responsible for the progress of Willis (Red) Applegate, youthful Montclair heavyweight, and likewise an ex-serviceman. Applegate tossed something of a shock into the trade last winter by stepping in as a last-minute substitute and knocking out Cleo Everett at the Forum Arena in the Bronx. Everett had just returned from his exposition joust with Joe Louis in Honolulu, and his appearance in the Forum was supposed to represent

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WESTERN FIGHT TALENT

By EDDIE MERRILL

Charley Riley, hard-hitting St. Louis featherweight.

CHARLEY RILEY

ST. LOUIS has a titular aspirant in the featherweight division in hard belting Charley Riley, who has been winning his fights via clean knockouts. Charley is responsible for St. Louis's revival of boxing.

Latest to fall victim was Jose Aponte Torres and Lou Cassiano, two fighters who have been mingling with the top-notchers. Torres had gone the limit with Phil Terranova, Willie Pep, Jackie Graves and Jock Leslie and was a favorite to win. However, Riley landed his terrific right hand punch and the referee stopped the bout after eight sensational rounds of fighting.

Cassiano, another victim, was swapping punch for punch with Riley when Charley landed his right cross to the chin to spill Cassiano for the count. Now Charley is anxious to mix with Phil Terranova in a return bout. He is managed by Frank Mitchell.

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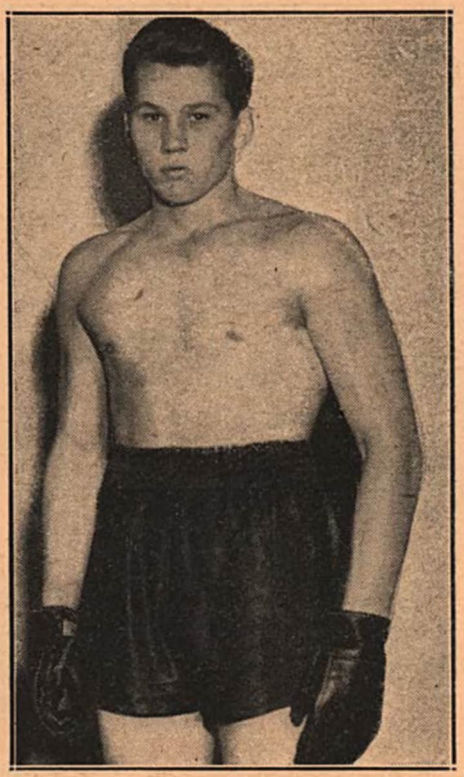
JIM RICHIE

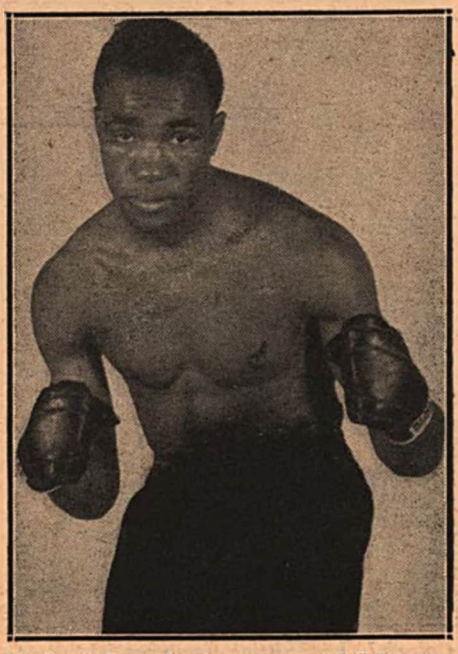
ANOTHER good St. Louis fighter is the light-heavyweight, Jim Richie, who has been winning with regularity in his hometown. Jim has been fighting for several years with success, but found it hard to lure name opponents in the ring with him.



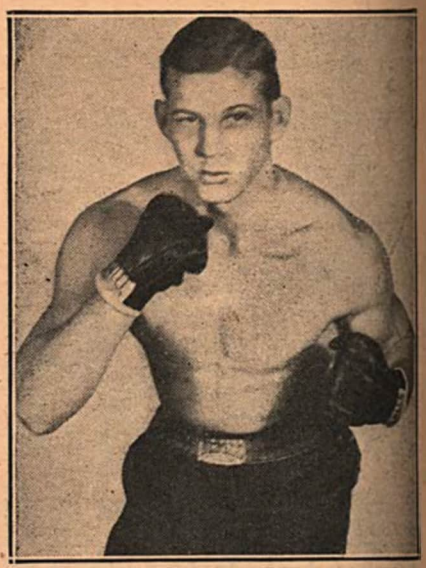
Dave Davey, heavyweight from Tacoma, tabbed as a comer.

Jack Kearns took a chance with his Joey Maxim in St. Louis, and the result was a draw.

Next to meet Richie was Teddy Randolph, who was an easy victim. Then he drew with Lee Savold and a few weeks ago he was defeated by Fitzie Fitzpatrick in ten.



St. Louis has a hot prospect in Phil Burton, Negro welter.



The Kansas City Cyclone is the name Mid-West fans have dubbed Ray Spurlock.

Now Richie is anxious to meet fighters near his own weight of 175 pounds.

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DAVE DAVEY

TACOMA, WASHINGTON, has a youngster who is destined to go a long way in the fight game, if the form he has displayed in his battles to date is a criterion. Homer Amundsen, owner of Tacoma's gymnasium where the boys from the Northwest do their training, is keen on the lad. He says that Tacoma has not had a fighter with such promise in several years.

Tacoma, a city in the great Pacific Northwest, has for many years produced a crop of colorful boxing attractions. From out of this land of the tall and sturdy firs came a former world's middleweight champion, Freddie Steele, Eddie "Kayo" Roberts, Leo Lomski, Doc Snell, among others. Perhaps the most famous of the heavyweights in Tacoma's boxing history was the late Frank Farmer. Farmer met such stars as Sam Langford, Fred Fulton and Jack Dillon.

Tacoma and Pacific Northwest fistic experts at the moment are singing the praises of the seventeen-year-old, 185-pound youngster, Dave Davey.

This youngster, born David Jordon Strandley, first saw the light of day in Tacoma, March 18th, 1929. This handsome golden-haired youth comes from sturdy Norwegian, German, and Swedish stock. In high school Young Dave excelled in such sports as football, basketball, and track. Three years ago he became interested in boxing. It was not long before he found his way into the Amundsen Gymnasium, Tacoma's boxing headquarters.

Homer Amundsen is bringing young Davey along the fistic trail. Amundsen has labored with young Dave for the past three years, teaching the husky youth the tricks of the trade. Although young Davey had but three amateur starts which he won, two by knockouts, and the other by a clean-cut decision, he displayed a world of natural ability.

He was one of the outstanding amateurs

in his vicinity and so well did he do, that he was urged to turn pro. Since joining the money ranks he has had five fights and won all. He beat Bomber Daniels in four; Dale Stokes via the knockout route in three; Bill Potter in four, stopped Eli Sutton in two rounds and Kenny Smith in one. Watch this lad. He is a bright prospect.

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RAY SPURLOCK

THE Kansas City Cyclone is what the fans of the mid-west call him. He is a 158-pounder and his name is Ray Spurlock. Ray in eleven bouts last year lost only two, one a ten-rounder to Roy Miller and the other a kayo in six rounds to the same fighter. He drew with Pedro Cobe in eight and Ulysses Johnson in six and won all his other contests, seven of them.

In four bouts this year he drew with Johnny Walker in ten, was stopped in five rounds by Walker when he was unable to continue after a foul, won in eight from Antonio Carmona and was knocked out in three by Jota Jota Fernandez.

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PHIL BURTON

FISTIC EXPERTS are predicting a fine future for Phil Burton, Jack Curley's fast-rising twenty-year-old Negro welterweight, who has won twenty out of twenty-one bouts. Hailing from St. Louis, Mo., Burton had his first start last May.

Eddie Ownby, Texas heavyweight.

He joined the professional ranks without ever having fought as an amateur.

Having always excelled in sports, upon graduation from St. Augusta High School in St. Louis, Phil was awarded a spot on the "All City" football squad starting in the half-back position. A scholarship to Xavier University in New Orleans was put aside so that he might continue his most promising career in boxing.

To date, Burton has vanquished such seasoned ring men as Jimmy Isler, a middleweight; Joe Torrens; Frank Hardeman, better known as Baby Beau; Leon Kennedy; Frankie Cardinal—whom he has also kayoed; Bobby Quinn; Pete Gemo; Tommy Lynch; George Greytak; and others. Jack Curley's son, Artie, is serving as Burton's trainer. So far this year Phil has beaten Jimmy Isler and Joe Torrens twice. His lone loss was to Sal Richie in six at Madison Square Garden, N. Y.

Fighting out of St. Louis Mickey Savage is a busy welter.

EDDIE OWNBY

TEXAS has a heavyweight who at one time was a protege of Jack Dempsey and who is a veteran of the Air Forces and who did well last year but so far this year dropped two out of three fights. His name is Eddie Ownby who last year scored four knockouts in six fights and lost only one.

Francisco de la Cruz stopped Eddie in five rounds on February 10 at El Paso but the following week Ownby kayoed Pancho Medrano in two rounds. In his latest battle on March 21 he was kayoed by Jimmy Webb in four.

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MICKEY SAVAGE

MICKEY SAVAGE who made his start in Detroit and is now fighting out of St. Louis, is a welterweight who is rated a good club fighter. Although he lost to Jackie Darthard in Kansas City in ten rounds this year, he had an excellent record in 1946 during which he lost one bout, was kayoed in five by Sal Ritchie and won eight contests.

Mickey is not yet ready to fight the headliners but in all of his bouts he has shown that he has what it takes to make good

Leo Garrett, fast lightweight from the Buckeye State.

and he hopes to graduate shortly. He worked out in California for a while and made a hit in Jim Jeffries' barn.

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LEO GARRETT

OHIO boxing fans have watched with pride the steady rise of Leo Garrett, fast-stepping lightweight of Cleveland, Ohio. Coming up the "hard way," the clever, speedy little flash is a natural crowd-pleaser for his smooth, shifty style of boxing has won the acclaim of fans and sports writers alike.

Refusing a scholarship after graduating from high school because of ailing parents, the industrious youngster, now 23 years old, divided his time between the gym and the foundry and was ready for the money field of boxing a year after dropping a close decision to Tony Janiro in the finals of the 1943 Golden Gloves Tournament in Cleveland, Ohio.

Winning 25 out of 31 starts as a professional, he has encountered such outstanding performers as Buddy Garcia, Chester Rico, Jackie Connelly, Harry Hart, Leroy Jackson, Dave Marsh and others.

He beat Harry Hart, the Ohio State champ at Akron, Ohio, on December 27, 1946. Garrett won the junior lightweight championship of Ohio State on January 29, 1947, when he again whipped Harry Hart in ten rounds. He followed with a 10-round loss to Johnny Jackson, an 8 to Sam Schipani and a 10 to Dave Marsh.

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CLEVER SECONDS

Tom Molineaux, first American Negro to win honors abroad.

WHAT a second who understands his business can achieve in the way of helping a fighter to make a good ring-showing was clearly demonstrated by the late Jimmy Johnston when he handled Lou Nova, now appearing in the movie "Joe Palooka," against Joe Baksi in their ten round contest at Madison Square Garden on March 30, 1945. Nova lost the decision, but that certainly wasn't Johnston's fault.

The latter did all for his man that long experience and skill could do. But the best man that ever swung a towel in a scrapper's corner cannot overcome handicaps imposed by old Father Time and convert a battle-worn veteran into a victor over a younger, huskier opponent. The knockout of Nova by Tami Mauriello shortly after the Baksi bout, proved that point. Yet Johnston worked wonders anyway. It was generally believed that Nova would hit the deck for a full count as he did when he fought Tami, or perhaps Lou would fade away completely and quit when the going got too rough. Such misfortunes had happened to him in the past, and might have occurred again had not Johnston's administrations and sage advice kept him battling on for the full distance.

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A RIP over Nova's left eye got worse and worse as the tussle went on. At the finish the wound had deepened considerably, and it took seven stitches to close the cut when later attended to by a surgeon. From that gaping red orifice Lou lost blood enough to free another Cuba despite his alert handler's first aid measure. Nova was an unpleasing facial study in scarlet at the close of the bout. James J. assuredly had his hands full in the true sense of the phrase.

However, Johnston has grown familiar with that sort of thing during his long eventful career as a second, promoter and manager. Watching him work over his man must have recalled many similar scenes to oldtimers present, who were probably surprised that the sight of so much unseemly gore didn't cause a halt to hostilities.

For such is the action usually taken nowadays if a fistic combat assumes too sanguinary a hue. But it wasn't stopped and Johnston could at least congratulate himself on having sustained his well-earned reputation as a saviour of battered pugs in dire distress.

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IT is impossible to overestimate the services of really able seconds at certain periods of a battle. On the other hand, it is difficult to underestimate the amount of damage that inexpert handlers can do to a boxer unlucky enough to come under their supervision.

These latter gents seldom exhibit their usefulness in main events. For by the time a fighter attains prominence in his profession it's a cinch that he knows the importance of being properly esquired when he steps into the ring. If he isn't mentally bright enough to realize this fact, it may be taken for granted that those commercially interested in him will attend to the matter.

But in cheap preliminary bouts many a promising youngster is handicapped by the presence of clumsy attendants in his corner not one of whom is qualified to give helpful instruction any more than he would be a fitting choice to conduct a symphonic orchestra in playing Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata.

Bad seconds often do more mischief to a boxer than his opponent accomplishes. They pour contradictory advice into his ear, fuss around him excitedly, inundate him with water he doesn't need, maul him around in well-meant but futile efforts to freshen up his tired muscles, and, generally speaking play hob with his chances of coming through a winner.

In Bob Fitzsimmons' early ring days the future world's heavyweight champion underwent an experience of this kind that made him extremely cautious forever after regarding the choice of men to go behind him in battle. In fact, after he won the title he was frequently quoted as saying that one man was quite enough in a corner, as two or three only got in each other's way and made trouble for a principal instead of being a help. That is why American ring patrons were at first surprised, but later got used to seeing Fitz go into action with a single attendant waiting upon him, after his victory over Jim Corbett. He was in a position to dictate matters then although previously he conformed to the usual custom of having more seconds.

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BOB'S first public appearance in the ring took place in 1880 when he defeated four opponents in a tournament sponsored by Jem Mace at Timaru, New Zealand, thereby winning an amateur middleweight trophy. Mace, ex-bare knuckle heavyweight king, came again to Timaru the following year and put on another glove competition for all classes. Fitzsimmons, then only scaling about 145 pounds, entered his name in the heavyweight grade.

Efficiency or Incompetence of the Corner Advisors Often Have Affected Battle Results—Handlers' Clumsiness Almost Brought Defeat to Bob Fitzsimmons When Future World's Heavyweight Champion Entered Tournament Sponsored by Jem Mace—Joe Jacobs' Quick Wittedness Gained Crown for Schmeling in Bout With Jack Sharkey

By BILLY McCARNEY

Mace at first refused to accept the entry, claiming that the youngster was altogether too light. This opinion was not shared by Fitz's friends, a large number of whom were present. They had seen him kayo three out of four antagonists in the first competition and make one quit. Consequently they had faith in his ability to hold his own with the big fellows. It may be that Mace secretly agreed with this view. He was too good a judge of fighting material not to be aware that Fitzsimmons was apt to stop anybody he could land on.

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JEM had picked up a huge Maori, Herbert Slade, during his initial visit to Timaru, and taken him under his wing. He thought that with careful instructions he could make a champion out of the beautifully proportioned native. There was no better glove instructor living than the ex-monarch of the London Prize Ring and he had already taught the Maori many of the tricks of the trade.

It was Mace's intention to take Slade on tour through Australia after the latter had attained some prestige by winning the second Timaru tournament in the heavy division.

Tom O'Rourke, a master of the old school of seconds.

For Jem had personally seen to it that the men already entered in that class were not of particularly dangerous calibre for his protege to tackle. But young Fitz was a horse of quite another color and Mace didn't believe in taking foolish chances.

However, Bob persisted in forcing the issue and in the wordy wrangle which ensued the wrathful youth defied the former world's champ, and intimated that he wouldn't be averse to putting on the mitts with Mace himself. Though Jem was fifty

Jimmy Johnston, one of the best of the later-day handlers.

years old and had fought his last regular ring battle in 1871, when he held Joe Coburn to a draw at St. Louis in twelve rounds, he had been active with the gloves throughout the intervening years, giving sparring exhibitions and was in splendid condition. As a boxer he had few equals and probably no superiors.

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MACE jumped at the chance of putting this cocky young'un in his place, accepted the challenge, stripped, and strode into the ring. Announcement was made that he would fight four rounds with Fitzsimmons.

But the spectators would have none of that. They felt that it just "wasn't cricket," to employ a favorite British expression, to send a novice against the hero of many ring battles. So fierce and violent were their protests that Mace, fearing a riot, bowed before the storm, called the proposed bout off, and admitted Fitzsimmons' entry in the heavyweight class.

As a result, Jem's worst fears were realized for Fitz bowled over four opponents in quick succession and wound up by giving Slade a murderous licking. But after the second round of his bout with the giant Maori he came within an ace of being stopped in his own corner.

He had three seconds, all good pals, but merely innocent blundering chaps as regarded handling a boxer. Enthusiasm they had in plenty, in fact, too much of it. They scrapped over who should fan Fitz, one of them tripped and fell, nearly knocking Bob off his chair, another trampled heavily on his left big toe, extorting a yell of pain from the victim.

The climax to Bob's patience came when the ammonia bottle was shoved into his mouth in mistake for the water-container. Luckily only a few drops of the liquid passed his lips. He spat

Joe Jacobs, whose work behind Max Schmeling enabled the German to win the world heavyweight title.

quickly, sent the offender toppling from the platform with a vigorous shove, cursed his two remaining pals with fine fluency, told one of them to get out and retained the other to serve him.

"They were good josers, all of 'em," commented Fitz years later, when recounting his experience to Bat Masterson. "Meant well, of course, but 'ad me bally well near licked by the time Hi went hup for the next round. My h'eyes were streaming water from the ammonia an' Hi could 'ardly see Slade, big as 'e was. Hi pulled through, but believe me, it was no bloomin' joke for yours truly. 'Avin' no seconds at all in a chap's corner beats 'aving three that don't know their business!"

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FITZSIMMONS' defeat of the Maori spoiled Mace's plans for the time being. Yet Jem's prestige was so great that his okay on any man's fighting abilities carried tremendous weight. In less than two years later Slade was matched with heavyweight champion John L. Sullivan in a four-rounder at old Madison Square Garden. Herbert got a lot of good advertising in the New York press prior to the bout, but his publicity-boosters made no mention of what a then obscure boxer named Robert Fitzsimmons had done to him at Timaru.

Sullivan had no trouble kayoing Slade in the third round and got a lot of credit for so doing. Yet, after all, it was no great feat. Slade was a perfect pugilist—to look at—a Hercules in build and a good puncher. But as a genuine, reliable slugger, he just wasn't there. Not even the redoubtable Jem Mace, with all his scientific knowledge and noted ability for instructing boxers, could make a champion out of the ambitious but futile Herbert.

The correctness of Fitzsimmons' opinion regarding poor seconds cannot be disputed. But looking at the other side of the picture it must be admitted that competent men in a corner have frequently managed to turn the tide of battle in favor of their principals, by fair means or foul.

That goes for the London prize ring as well as Marquis of Queensberry days. If it hadn't been for the hardly admirable, but effective trickery of a foxy British second, Molineaux, Negro pugilist of Virginia, would have been declared victor over Tom Cribb, England's heavyweight champion, on December 18, 1810. That would have meant the capture of a world's heavyweight title by America for the first time in fistic history. And Molineaux would have been the first man of his race to attain such an honor, something not destined to occur until 1908, when Jack Johnson won the ring's blue ribbon by whipping Tommy Burns.

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THOMAS MOLINEAUX, twenty-six years old, five feet, eight inches and a half in height, scaling about 200 pounds, came to London, England, early in 1810. He claimed the American heavyweight title and at once issued a challenge to fight Tom Cribb. He was comparatively friendless in a foreign land, had no money or backers, and at first the British sports merely laughed at his defiance.

But his persistence in hounding Cribb, coupled with frequent assertions that the latter was afraid of him, finally aroused Tom's admirers to the extent of demanding that an opponent be found for the insolent invader who would give him a lesson in good boxing. Cribb himself promised to select an Englishman suitable for the purpose, and sent the "Bristol Unknown," his real name was Burrows, a husky six-footer, against the Virginian.

They fought on Tothill Fields, on July 14, 1810, Molineaux being seconded by his countryman, Bill Richmond, the first American Negro pugilist to win high honors in the British ring. Much to the mortification of Cribb and the English fight-patrons, Molineaux outslugged and outgamed his opponent, forcing him to surrender at the end of an hour's battling.

Tom Blake, better known to the Fancy as "Tom Tough," was the next Briton to test Molineaux's punching ability. He had no better luck than Burrows, being knocked senseless in eight rounds. Molineaux then claimed the world's heavyweight title by default. He was within his rights, the champion having refused to meet him. However, his claim was not recognized. But matters had reached a stage where Cribb either had to fight or relinquish his crown.

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IN all fairness Molineaux had to be given his trial. Even the London sport writers insisted on that. One newspaper came out boldly with the following declaration in support of the proposed match:

"Some persons feel alarmed at the bare idea that a black man and a foreigner should seize the championship of England, and decorate his sable brow with the hard-earned laurels of Cribb. He must, however, have his fair chance, though Tom swears, for the honor of old England, he'll be hanged if he will relinquish a single sprig except with his life."

For Cribb had at last consented to face the issue. Patrons posted $1,000 for Cribb and a similar sum for Molineaux, which, with another $500 raised by popular subscription, constituted the winner's stake.

They met on December 18, 1810, at Copthall Common, in Sussex, thirty miles from London. It was raining heavily, yet setting out from the metropolis in the early morning, thousands walked or drove toward the rendezvous through the downpour and mud. At noon a protective circle of wagons was made to shield the fighters as much as possible from the stormy elements. The spectators accommodated themselves as best they could on the slope of an adjacent hill.

Molineaux started off in hurricane fashion, swinging and rushing, but the champion met him with straight lefts, countering effectively, and knocked him down twice in the third round. Cribb's countrymen applauded him enthusiastically and bets were made at four to one on the Briton. Yet the Negro carried on doggedly, fighting a heroic uphill battle with such determination that in the eighth round he had Cribb milling on the retreat. The Negro was apparently much the stronger of the two, assumed the aggressive round after round, and had so much the better of matters that in the twenty-eighth session Cribb was well-nigh helpless and finally collapsed from a terrific right on the chin.

His seconds worked over him frantically, but when time was called the champion was unable to respond. But Joe Ward, his chief handler, created a diversion by claiming that Molineaux had a "weight" concealed in his fist, and demanded that the American's hands be examined.

This, of course, was a subterfuge, conceived to give time for Cribb to recover, and it fulfilled its purpose. Molineaux had not been guilty of any trickery, but the precious moments of rest that elapsed during the altercation seemed to put new life into the champion who revived marvelously and stood up to Molineaux without once breaking ground. Still Molineaux tried to force the pace. But now he weakened due more to the effects of the freezing rain than the blows of his opponent, and presently Cribb in turn was driving the Negro from rope to rope.

In the thirty-third round Molineaux's legs gave way under him, and he dropped exhausted, muttering that he could fight no longer. The champion had retained his title, but though he was naturally the hero of the hour, even his greatest admirers were compelled to admit that he had escaped dethronement by the narrowest kind of a shave. There was no denying that he owed his good luck to the unscrupulous intervention of the ingenious Mr. Joseph Ward, who certainly proved that he was a handy man to have in a whipped fighter's corner in a pinch, whatever might be thought of his methods by a devotee of fair play.

THE affair created quite a scandal in British sport circles and when Molineaux demanded a second trial, there was a general feeling that he should be accommodated. Cribb had once more retired, vowing he would never fight again. But there was no getting away from the fact that his crown was a tarnished one and several distinguished members of the Fancy, whose word was generally law in such matters, insisted that the visiting pugilist's request should be granted.

Yet Cribb remained obdurate and might have persisted in his attitude, had not heavier pressure been brought to bear upon him by no less a personage than the then Prince of Wales, who later occupied the British throne as George the Fourth. His Royal Highness, an ardent supporter of the ring, was much displeased with what had happened at Coptall Common, which he denounced as a disgrace to home sportsmanship, and was freely quoted to that effect.

Cribb was proprietor of an inn much frequented by the "bloods" of the metropolis, where the prince himself was no stranger at the festive board, and a partaker of wild revels where his noble following, as a slang phrase of the day had it—"drank till all was blue." If Tom Cribb forfeited the favor of His Royal Highness, he might just as well put up his shutters, for his patrons would avoid the Cribb Arms as though the place were plague-stricken.

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TRADITION has it that Wales sent a message to the champion, intimating his pleasure that Cribb should accept Molineaux's challenge. The champ returned a reply in the negative, pleading that he was too corpulent, having put on weight to an almost unbelievable extent. Royalty's comment was terse and to the point. It ran:

"Take off the weight and be damned to you. If you don't fight, you'll be damned anyway in London town!"

There was no more argument. Cribb bowed to the inevitable, accepted his rival's challenge, put himself into the capable hands of Captain Barclay, gentleman sport and the most famous trainer in England, and proceeded to get into fighting shape. His condition was known not to have been all that could be desired in the first bout with Molineaux but this time he was as fit as hard work could make him. In eleven weeks Barclay pared him down from 235 pounds to 187, he was tough as nails and as full of fight as a pit-terrier.

Molineaux, on the contrary, trained but little, lived convivially, and went into the ring looking more like a prize-porker than a trained athlete, so much so that the gamblers at once made Cribb favorite at three to one. The Negro possessed a truly Gargantuan eating capacity and had no control over his appetites, alcoholic or otherwise. It is said on good authority that his breakfast on the morning of the fight consisted of a whole broiled chicken, an entire apple pie, and a couple of big steins of beer, surely a remarkable diet for a man about to fight for a world's championship.

The result of the battle was what might have been anticipated. While Molineaux fought like a demon so long as his wind lasted, condition was bound to tell. After the fifth round Cribb had the battle well in hand and knocked him out in the eleventh, incidentally breaking Molineaux's jaw. Cribb was still undisputed boss of the heavy brigade. This time he hadn't needed the assistance of that astute second, Joe Ward, in order to win.

Cribb's victory was hailed with far more exultation by his countrymen than greeted his first doubtful triumph over Molineaux. But in the midst of all the rejoicing, one London sportscribe of a slightly ironical turn of mind couldn't refrain from giving the champion a gentle jab in the punning fashion then popular among wits of the day. Wrote this gay versifier:

"Tom Cribb still is champion, he's licked Molineaux
By breaking the jaw of his deadliest foe,
But the first time he met him it must be confessed
Our Tom looked like losing when put to the test.

"For the black gave him pepper and hit him so hard
Disaster was only held off by Joe Ward,
It was Joe who in living right up to his name,
Watched over his 'ward' when the danger hour came,
Tricked Time into halting when Tom was knocked down
Thus 'awarding' our hero the championship crown!"

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TOM O'ROURKE was one of the best and craftiest seconds among the Queensberry oldtimers. When he was managing George Dixon during the long years when Little Chocolate held first the bantam and then the featherweight championship of the world, Tom was always a personal attendant on his charge. Watching him work over Dixon was a fine object lesson in how to handle a fighter. O'Rourke knew all the tricks in the game, there was a perfect understanding between fighter and manager and Dixon never failed to follow his mentor's orders.

When O'Rourke took Dixon on tour and accepted theatrical engagements for him, the manager carried along with him a ring especially made under his instructions, and saw to its setting up on the stage. This ring was quite a bit smaller than the regulation size. Dixon was naturally well used to it, the opponents he faced were not. Thus the little Negro marvel, a quick knocker-outer of the first quality, was enabled to corner an antagonist and stop him in jig-time.

There were even occasions when promoters permitted O'Rourke to use his favorite ring in club battles, but sometimes Tom's strategy in this respect failed, as it did when he signed the featherweight champion to box clever Tommy White of Chicago at Syracuse on March 31, 1898. The Syracuse club officials insisted upon staging the fight in a regulation-size ring.

This was done, with the result that White held Dixon to a twenty-round draw and boxed so skillfully that several of the newspaper reporters present wrote accounts of the contest in which the Chicago lad was credited with having actually outpointed the champion. But the custom of the day was not to deprive a champ of his title unless he was stopped or beaten by a large margin of points. There was no denying that White had a shade the better of the going, but the referee considered the fight too close to warrant him in taking away Little Chocolate's crown, and gave an even-steven decision accordingly.

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DIXON and White met again on July 11 of the following year, at Denver, Colorado. This time O'Rourke was more fortunate, for the Denver promoter allowed him to use his favorite ring. The smaller space helped Dixon a lot, as the champion was able to offset White's fast footwork and bombard him at close range. Yet though George was awarded the verdict at the end of the 20th round in view of his aggressive tactics, he was unable to stop the elusive Chicagoan, who was still strong and fighting back vigorously at the finish.

It was O'Rourke's skilled handling that finally brought his other famous bread-winner, Joe Walcott, to the head of the welterweight division, the Negro puncher winning the class title when he kayoed Rube Ferns at Fort Erie in five rounds on December 18, 1901. Prior to which Tom had campaigned successfully with Joe against middleweights as well as welters, for several years. Among the many big fellows who were victims of Walcott's knockout punch were such noted performers in the middleweight grade as Australian Jimmy Ryan, Dan Creedon, Jim Watts and Dick Moore. Joe's greatest triumph was achieved in 1900, when he hung a decisive knockout on no less a formidable opponent than heavyweight Joe Choynski.

The only time Walcott's manager over-reached himself in matching Walcott was when he sent the latter against lightweight Kid Lavigne for fifteen rounds at Maspeth, L. I., on December 2, 1895. Jack McAuliffe, holder of the American lightweight title, had retired that year and Lavigne was universally recognized as his fitting successor.

O'Rourke believed that Walcott could make the lightweight limit and step into the Kid's shoes. That was where he made a serious mistake, for though Joe could scale okay as a welter, getting down to the lightweight notch, then set at 133 pounds, and retaining his full strength was *(Continued on page 33)*

NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By "STANLEY"

LOTS of new wrestling fans are being developed in the East with the growing popularity of television. Matches held in New York clubs are being televised several times each week and people who never before had seen a mat bout are being captivated by the spectacular exhibitions.

A confab with persons who own television sets proves that wrestling bouts are one of the most eagerly awaited events each evening. One can even notice a difference in the matmen when their bouts are aired. They seem to put that little extra something into it and go all out to give a good performance.

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Jim Londos is heading for another world tour. Like Old Man River, he keeps on rolling along. Primo Carnera still is the best drawing card, but the receipts for his matches have fallen off considerably. Australian grappling is going better than ever and many United States stars are casting their eyes on the land Down Under. Before the war it was a common thing for topnotchers to make world tours and their main stops were in Australian and New Zealand territory. The travel bug has bitten most of the boys again and many are planning long trips.

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Frank Sexton is doing well in California, as is clever George Becker. One of the biggest attractions in the West is Enrique Torres. The popular Mexican is very interesting to watch as he keeps the onlookers on the edge of their seats at all times.

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IN upstate New York, where fans support the mat game, such stars as Billy Watson, Bob Wagner, Willie Davis and Ben Sharpe are doing well.

Buffalo had quite a rough time on the night of March 28 when Billy Watson, after being knocked out of the ring by Bob Wagner, was knocked out by a chair thrown at him by a ringsider. The referee started his count from the ring but Watson was unable to get back in time and the match was awarded to Wagner, or, should we say, the man who threw the chair.

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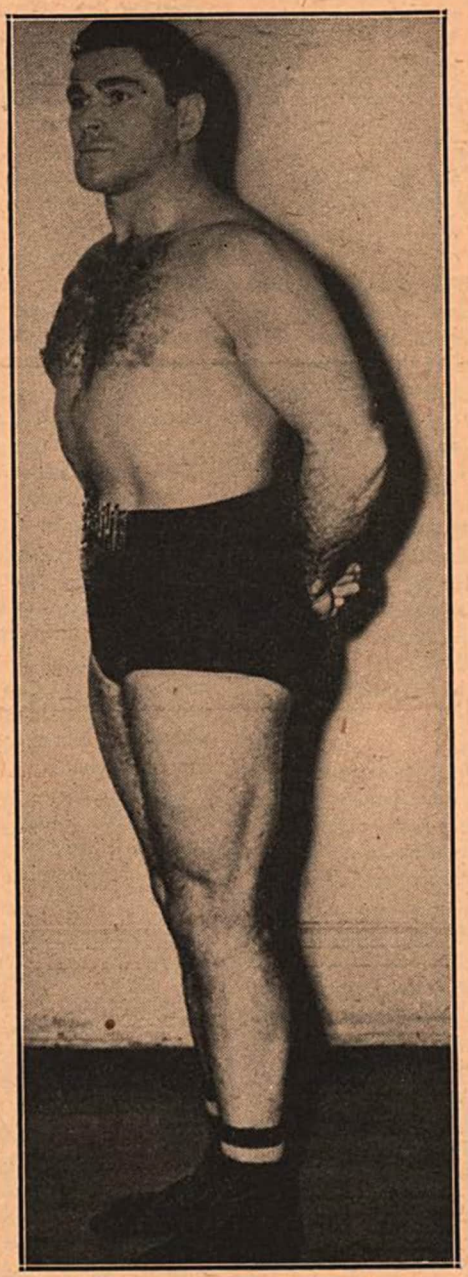
Tough guy Joe Marsh, who recently had a book published about his life, is now in the East.

Many wrestlers are being brought to this country from Europe by promoters who are trying to provide new faces for their followers. Not since the era of Jack Curley have so many men from foreign lands shown their talents to American patrons. It is our belief that promoters can find the sort of talent desired by their customers right in their own backyard. There are many clean-cut lads with loads of ability just waiting to be picked up and given a chance. We are all for the importing of foreign talent as it gives the game that needed international flavor. However, let's look in the direction of the local lads first.



Frank Sexton, who is recognized in many quarters as one of the best wrestlers in the game today.

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ONE of the most popular wrestlers of the day is Frank Sexton. In many quarters Sexton is billed as the heavyweight champion. THE RING recognizes no world's champion, but we must admit that Frank Sexton comes closest to holding that distinguished title.

Born in Sedalia, Ohio, Sexton has gained in popularity every time he enters a ring. A very powerful man with a fine knowledge of the sport, Frank is also a very colorful showman. A sellout is assured when Frank wrestles.

Paul Bowser, Boston's gift to the mat sport, is responsible for the rise of the Ohio farm boy. Bowser gave Frank his start in the Hub and from then on his fame spread throughout the nation.

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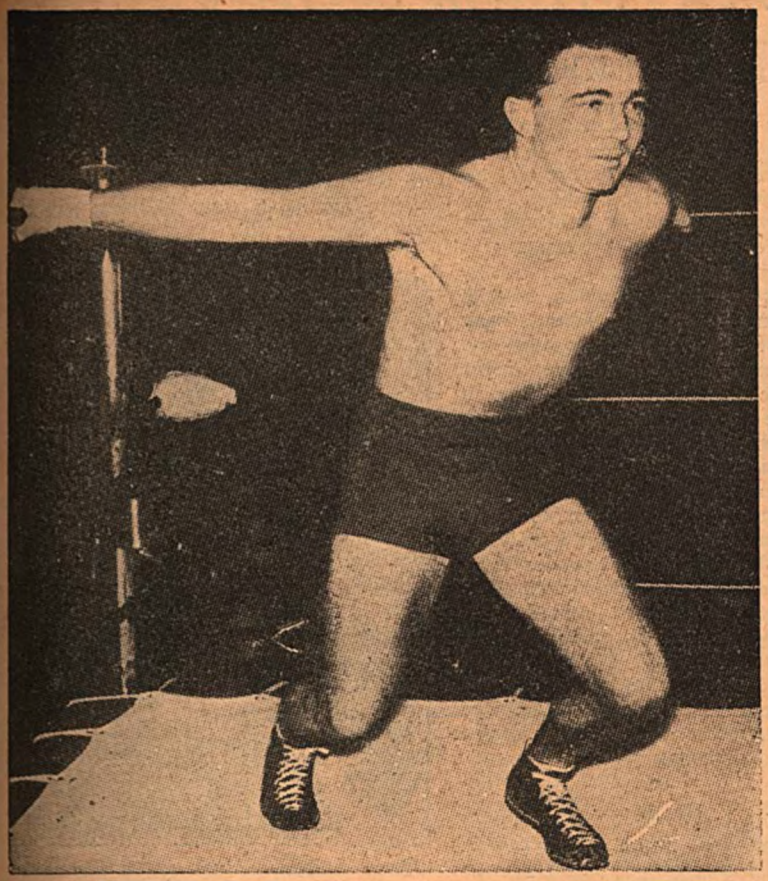
IRISH JOE LYNAM has only been wrestling since August of 1945, and yet has become one of the most popular wrestlers in the South. This good-looking fellow is from Redmond, Ore., and studies law at Oregon State College. In high school he learned to wrestle, and his favorite hold was called the "Gilligan twist." He had 32 amateur matches, in which he learned to perfect this hold. Today it's called the "abdominal stretch." His idol has always been Jim Londos. During the war he served as an athletic instructor for combat engineering troops overseas.

Since his discharge he has wrestled in Washington, Montana, Idaho, California, Mexico and Oklahoma.

His toughest bouts have been with Ningh Singh, Bob Cummings and Sgt. Bob Kenneston. Fans like him because of his clean wrestling ability in the ring, his swiftness, and variety of holds, and his rapid-fire action.

Judo Jack Terry, colorful star doing well in the Southwest.



George Temple, handsome youngster, who has made a fine name for himself on his recent nation-wide tour.

He is so light on his feet he applies "kangaroo kicks" without any apparent effort.

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A colorful wrestler now showing in the Southwest is Judo Jack Terry. A popular wrestler with a spectacular collection of holds, Jack is one of the leading drawing cards in his stable.

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Bert Ruby, a topnotch wrestler, now living in Detroit, is writing a column on wrestling in the Motor City.

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PIERRE DEGLANE, after returning from a South American tour, relates that fans in that part of the world take their wrestling so seriously that in many arenas, wire cages are constructed over the ring to protect the matmen from irate fans.

Pierre tells one story that makes our blood curdle. As he was busy mussing up one of the local favorites, he heard a "swish" over his head. Upon investigation he realized it was a long knife that had missed him by about two feet. Had he been standing instead of kneeling on the mat, it would have been all over for Mr. DeGlane. After that incident, Pierre was very gentle with our good neighbors' grapplers and thought twice before ever missing an elbow smash.

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ED DON GEORGE, who is no stranger to the mat profession, has turned promoter in his native Buffalo, N. Y. Always a favorite, Ed Don should make a success of his new venture.

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From out Minneapolis way comes the story of an 18-year-old "Wonder" who answers to the name George Gordienko. This youngster, who tips the beams at 215 pounds, has one of the most beautifully developed bodies we have ever seen. His physical makeup reminds old-timers of the great Hackenschmidt.

Gordienko was born and raised in Winnipeg, Canada, where he starred on the high school football team and ran off with many of the other scholastic events. While playing ball he was spotted by several scouts of major United States colleges who offered him the opportunity to attend any one of several of our leading seats of learning. However, young George declined these offers in order that he might get an early start in his professional mat career. An expert swimmer, and the holder of several Canadian weight lifting championships, he wants to use his muscles in the ring—NOW.

He was discovered in his home town by Joe Pazandak, who is a fine wrestler from out Minneapolis way. Joe has taken the young giant under his wing with the one ambition of making him the heavyweight champion of the world.

George's favorite hold is the head-lock and he applies it in much the same manner as that old master, Ed "Strangler" Lewis. Pazandak sums it up this way, "He has terrific squeeze."

We like the story of George Gordienko, it has that unusual flavor of being something different and unusual. Here is a lad, still in his teens, with all the physical makeup of a Greek god. He is under the direction of a fine teacher who has the boy's interest at heart and who sincerely believes that he has a champion in the making. We will be watching this lad with the greatest of interest and hope that he makes the success we predict for him.

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GEORGE TEMPLE is back where he started his fantastic mat career—in Hollywood. Handsome George has a big following in his home town and many of the movie stars are his fans. His nation-wide tour was a huge success and set new records in many localities. He was defeated in only four contests during the course of his travels.

Not a very big man, 5 feet 10 inches tall, Temple makes up for his height disadvantage with a dazzling display of speed and know-how. He is exceptionally colorful and has built up a large following throughout the country.

Discharged as a master sergeant, attached to the 2nd Air Division, George taught judo and hand-to-hand fighting to our Marines. Upon his return to civilian life, he became the wrestling and physical culture coach at the Black-Foxe Military Academy in Hollywood, where he once was a student. While coaching at the school he was preparing himself for a professional wrestling career and made his debut in Santa Monica, California, on March 22, 1946.

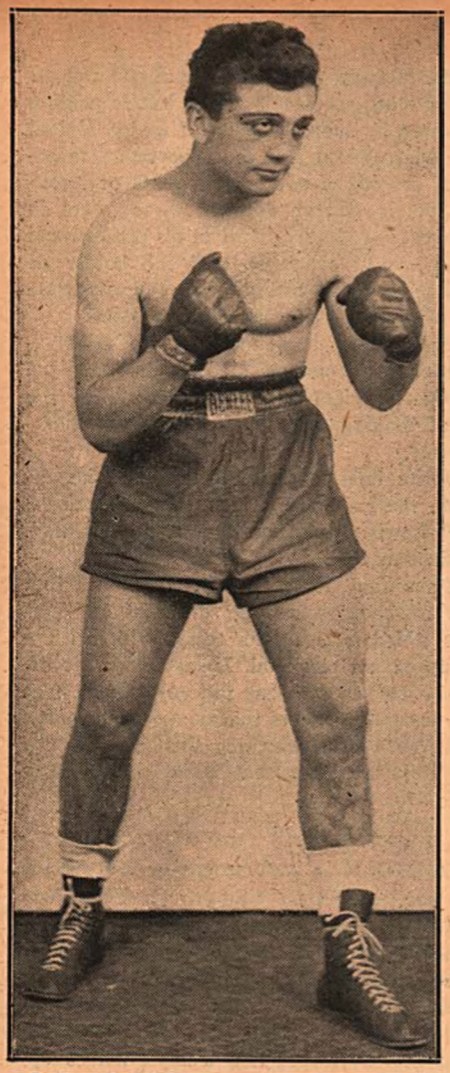
At first George's family objected to his profession. Even his famous sister, Shirley, was against what he was doing. When it was made public that Shirley was displeased, her fans bombarded her with letters stating that it was George's right to choose whatever way he wanted to make a living and that she should not object to his wrestling.

Temple himself does not want to live off Shirley's fame. He feels that he has the ability to make a name for himself in his own right and he seems to have just that. However, it has been impossible to keep promoters from billing him as the brother of the beloved Shirley, despite his repeated objections.

Irish Joe Lynam, who studies law when not engaged in grappling.

From Gotham's Sidewalks

By EDDIE MERRILL



Irving Palefsky, Bronx welterweight.

THE hope that is said to spring eternal in the human breast applies particularly to the boxing manager, to whom the hunt for a future champion is ever a fascinating pastime.

Not all the youngsters who look so promising early in their careers succeed in reaching headline status. In fact, comparatively few of them do. But a difficult individual to discourage is a fight manager. Optimism is one of his most engaging qualities. He may fail once, twice, twenty times—but there's always the confidence that he'll hit the jackpot the next time.

All of which is by way of introducing several of New York's latest young hopefuls who, at this stage of proceedings, have aroused their respective managers to eloquent peaks of enthusiasm.

One youngster is Tony LaBua, and he hails from Ozone Park, Long Island. Tony has been fighting professionally only one year, but already has become one of the best box-office attractions at the Jamaica Arena, where he has done most of his battling. A lightweight, LaBua has dropped only two decisions in 23 starts—and one setback, suffered at the hands of Just Johnson, was squared away in a return match. The other was administered by ringwise Maurice (Lefty) LaChance, who proved a bit too experienced for the embattled youngster. Tony, a graduate of the Army, served in the India-China-Burma theatre during the recent unpleasantness. Ernie Braca, who is handling LaBua, is certain that, with another year's experience, the Long Islander will be right up there with the topliners in the lightweight division.

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WILLIE KETCHUM, an old hand in developing good fighters, is positive he has another in the rugged young person of Irving Palefsky, Bronx welterweight. Palefsky is of the rough, tough "club fighting" type, and, despite his youth, already has been a main-eventer at the St. Nick Arena and a semi-finalist in Madison Square Garden.

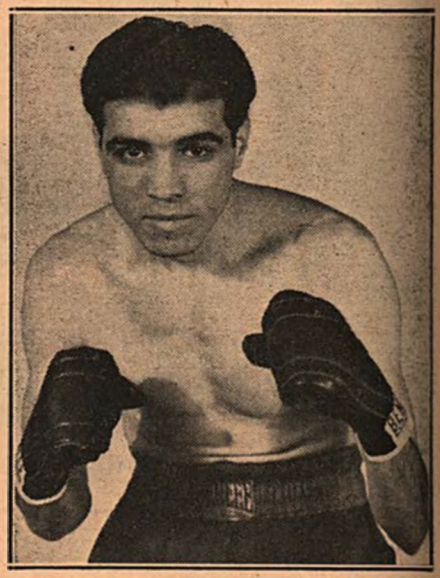
In 35 scraps, Irving has finished on the short end of only three decisions—two of them to Lou Valles—while on the credit side of his ledger are knockouts of Johnny Rinaldi, Willie Odom, Vic Costa, Ralph Walton and Alejandro Vega, and decisions over Bobby Cummings, Benny Davis, Artie Tedesco and Vince LaSalva. Palefsky recently trekked down to Miami to toss a lacing into Vince Gambill, rated as one of the best welters operating in Florida.

Though he still is in the preliminary ranks, another lad who looks as though he will bear a lot of serious watching is Tony Masciarelli, an 18-year-old Bronx welter. Fighting professionally only eight months, Tony has been coming along in splendid fashion.

His record at this writing reveals six knockouts, seven decisions, one draw, and two defeats in 16 starts. One of his defeats was evened up in a return match, when Masciarelli flattened his erstwhile conqueror, Al Line, in two rounds. Tony is handled by Bill Ebel, who is convinced the youngster definitely is destined for the top brackets.

A product of Golden Gloves competition, Nick (Hubba Hubba) Kashuba of Brooklyn is another boy who has been shaping up well in professional competition so far. A middleweight, Kashuba entered the money ranks less than a year ago, and promptly ran off a string of five straight knockouts. He has since suffered two defeats, but has offset them with five victories over better than fair opposition. One of Jimmy's most impressive showings was against experienced Vern Lester of San Francisco, better known to the trade as "Top Row Jimmy Allen." Though he lost the decision in eight bristling rounds, Kashuba made things highly interesting for his more seasoned opponent in a semi-final at the St. Nick Arena. "Hubba Hubba" is being handled by capable Jimmy Dixon of Brooklyn.

Tony Masciarelli, 18 year old welter.



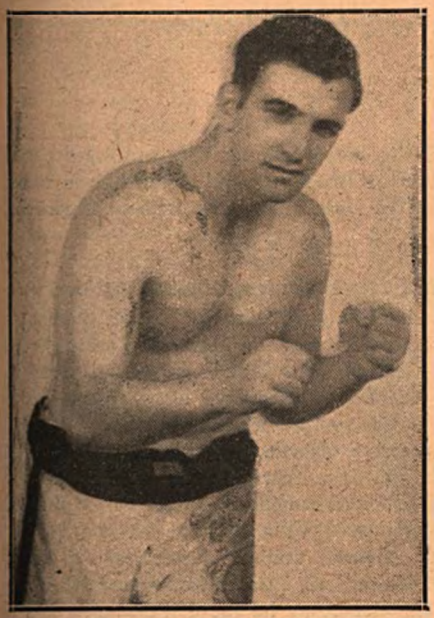
Tony LaBua, a lightweight who shows promise.

FRANKIE JACOBS, who long has specialized in developing youngsters into headliners, seems to have another likely-looking prospect in middleweight Jimmy Mangia of the East Side. Up to this writing, Mangia has been undefeated in 17 professional outings, his record revealing seven knockouts and ten decisions. So far Jacobs has been in no hurry to push Jimmy along, giving the youngster ample opportunity to pick up polish and experience in six-round preliminaries at the smaller clubs in the metropolitan area. But at the rate he has been progressing, it shouldn't be long before Mangia is ready to step out against stronger opposition in the 160-pound ranks. Jimmy is a good boxer and puncher.

Nick (Hubba Hubba) Kashuba is a Brooklyn middleweight.

NEW FACES

By NAT LOUBET



Vince Di Venti, Baltimore's promising middleweight.

VINCE DI VENTI

HAILING from the same city that produced such fistic stars as Joe Gans, George "Kayo" Chaney, Joe Tipman and Kid Williams, Vince Di Venti is making his bid for fame in the pay for sock ranks. A heavyweight with thirteen pro bouts under his belt and only one defeat, a knockout at the hands of Doc Gladden on March 7 at Baltimore in two rounds, Vince is a likely looking lad for future honors in the heavyweight division.

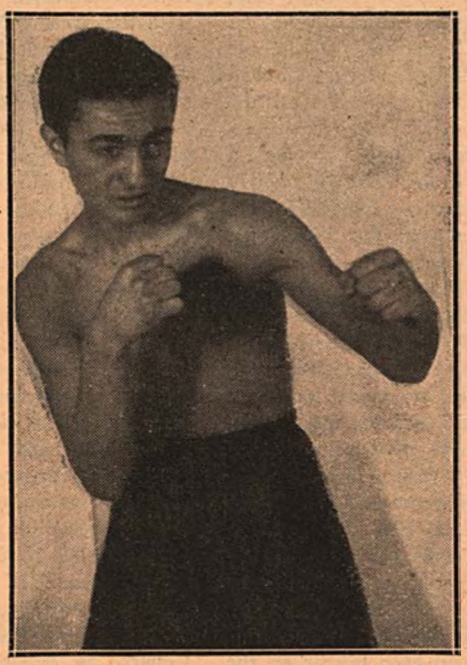
Di Venti is not new to the squared circle for he started tossing leather at the age of seventeen, when his present manager, Johnny Marco, schooled him for the amateurs.

As a simon-pure Di Venti won the 1940 and 1941 South Atlantic A.A.U. middleweight championships. In 1942 he entered the army where he remained until his discharge in 1945. During his hitch, Vince grew into a full-fledged heavyweight.

In 1942 he annexed the light-heavyweight championship of Camp Lee. The following year he took the light-heavy diadem at Camp Ellis, Illinois, and in 1944 he had blossomed into a heavyweight and won the crown in that division in the Armed Forces, Golden Gloves, at Cherbourg, France.

After a much needed rest Di Venti turned professional in May of 1946.

Tommy Kiddy, a Detroit, Michigan, middleweight.



Sal Puzzo, Clifton, New Jersey, featherweight.

SAL PUZZO AND ERNIE "ROCK" DURANDO

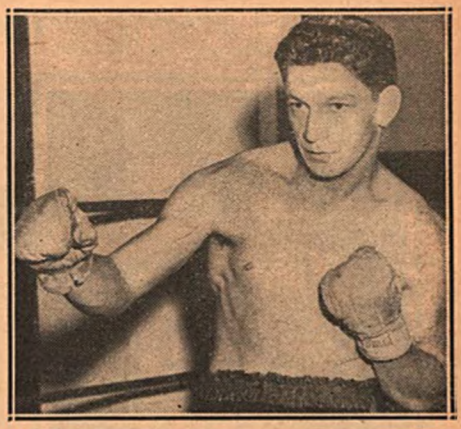
THE Skeeter State is the home of a pair of aspiring ringsters by the names of Sal Puzzo and Ernie "Rock" Durando.

Puzzo, a featherweight from Clifton, New Jersey, has a professional record of seven wins and one loss. His lone setback came at the hands of Bobby Logan. He has cooled Joe Ciarmella, Pablo Gonzales and Lou Goldberg and decisioned Thomas King, twice, Billy Liggett, Arthur List and Dave Nash. As an amateur Sal stacked up twenty-four victories to three losses. Puzzo is nineteen years old.

Ernie "Rock" Durando, Bayonne middleweight, first showed his wares as a pro after serving for three years in the navy. While in the service "The Rock", as a welterweight, gained twenty-one straight knockouts to gain the championship of the Third Naval District.

As a pro Durando has competed as a middleweight in which division he has had ten bouts. He lost one and drew once, and won seven bouts. Ernie is a milling type of fighter who crowds his opponent from the opening bell.

He is married and twenty-two years old. Peter (Pee Wee) Bonito guides his ring career.



Mike Kaballa, a welter from Pittsburgh.

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MIKE KABALLA

MIKE KABALLA is one of the Smoky City's candidates in the welter class. Only twenty-two, Mike has notched eight straight wins, most notable of which was his triumph over Joey Yarosz, brother of the former middleweight king.

Kaballa had a fine record as a simon-pure and reached the finals in the Eastern Golden Gloves only to suffer defeat at the hands of Laverne Roach.

Mike served in Uncle Sam's Navy for

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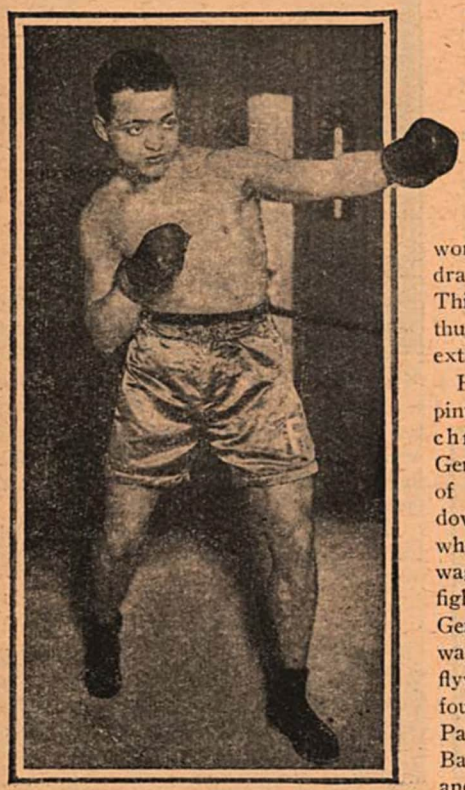
Ernie "Rock" Durando, Bayonne, New Jersey, middleweight.

GAMECOCKS of the RING

The Saga of Frankie Genaro, World Flyweight Champion, Who Won the 1920 Olympic Title at Antwerp, Belgium

By IRVING RUDD



Frankie Genaro, the New York Italian, who was flyweight champion of the world when competition was keen among the little men.

ASK the average boxing fan to name the current flyweight champion of the world, and all you will draw is a blank stare. Things weren't always thus in the now almost extinct 112 pound class.

Here is the tale of a pint-sized Italian kid, christened Frank Di Genaro, who at the age of seventeen, climbed down from behind the wheel of a butcher's wagon to become a fighter. As Frankie Genaro, he fought his way to the top of the flyweight heap. Frankie fought the likes of Pancho Villa, Fidel LaBarba, Newsboy Brown and Midget Wolgast; all of them nostalgic names from the halcyon days of pugilism when it really meant something to be recognized as the flyweight champion of the world.

Frankie Genaro was born on August 26, 1901 in the West 57th Street section of Manhattan. As a kid he had ambitions to become a jockey and served for a short period as a stable boy. Frankie was advised by a trainer named Bill Daly to forget about becoming a great rider because he already weighed 102 pounds and Daly predicted he would balloon even higher on the scales. Kids matured quickly in the tough neighborhoods of the yesteryear, and a few years after he had graduated from P.S. 51, Genaro, a stripling of seventeen was turning in a tough day's grind as chauffeur of a butcher truck.

It was his childhood sweetheart Gertrude Carson, whom he married on a $20 per week salary, who was inadvertently responsible for Frankie turning to fighting.

"We were both only seventeen," Genaro recalled, reminiscing of his romance. "I had this job and was just getting by. One of my friends had won a nice pin in an amateur bout and I thought how nice it would be if I could get one for Gertrude.

"My first bout was in a tournament at the Crescent A.C. and I boxed a fellow named Bud Dempsey. I won that pin for my wife, and then I wanted to win a watch. Well, before I knew it I had won a Metropolitan title in my first few months of boxing."

As an amateur, Genaro was supreme in the flyweight ranks and often stepped out of his division to defeat some of the best simon-pures in the bantamweight division. Frankie suffered a setback when Pete Zivic, later to gain ring renown as one of the famous five fighting Zivic brothers, whipped Genaro in the Olympic tryouts in 1920. Zivic, however, was injured in training, and the five foot three New Yorker was chosen to replace Pete.

Frankie successfully defended America's honors in the Olympic Games at Antwerp, Belgium, and King Albert himself personally congratulated Genaro. Other members of that crackerjack Olympic team of 1920 included Sammy Mossberg, now a prosperous furniture dealer in Brooklyn, and Eddie Eagan who is at present chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission.

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BACK in the United States, Genaro, who had continued working at his job while boxing for prizes, decided to turn pro and fought his first fight for pay in Madison Square Garden. Frankie racked up nineteen wins and engaged in several no decision fights until he suffered his first loss at the hands of Battling Leonard in a twelve rounder. In the same year, 1922, he was also beaten by clever Charlie Beecher, but the Italian lad really established himself as a topnotcher by holding his own with the great Filipino boxer Pancho Villa in a no decision 12 round bout and then defeated Villa in a ten rounder.

The following year Genaro started auspiciously by belting out Tommy Shay on February 12, 1923, in four rounds. On March 1st he got his first big chance as he faced Villa again in a 15 round bout with the flyweight championship of America at stake.

A crowd of 13,203 packed the old Madison Square Garden and paid a tremendous sum of $50,207 to watch the two great gamecocks of the squared circle slug it out. The immortal Pancho Villa, a tiny human tornado who didn't know the meaning of the word quit, and the clever Genaro traveled the full fifteen rounds with Genaro winning an unpopular decision. Villa kept coming on throughout the scrap, but Frankie, using his educated left jab, made it tough for the fierce fighting Filipino.

Then began a series of confusing claims to the flyweight crown which was not cleared up until almost fifteen years later. To refresh the reader's memory a brief history of the flyweight division up to the time Genaro conquered Villa is in order.

The first world's championship bout at the flyweight limit saw Jimmy Wilde kayo Zulu Kid in 11 rounds at London, England, on December 18, 1916. In the meanwhile, Johnny Buff had won the American 112 pound bauble from Frankie Mason and lost it on a knockout to Pancho Villa in 1922. As already related, Frankie Genaro defeated Villa to capture the American title. Genaro, as American titleholder, did not in any way conflict with Jimmy Wilde who was recognized everywhere as the only world's champion at the weight.

On June 18, 1923, Pancho Villa, three short months after he had been whipped by Genaro, tackled Jimmy Wilde at the Polo Grounds and knocked out the Welshman in seven rounds. Thus we find a peculiar situation with Villa as undisputed flyweight champion of the world although Pancho had already lost to Genaro in fifteen rounds.

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DURING 1924, the newly crowned American flyweight King, Genaro, engaged in eight contests, being held to a draw twice by full-fledged bantamweights. One of the men to hold Frankie to a draw was Bushey Graham, the famed Utica, New York bantamweight. Genaro boxed Graham again the same year, and although Frankie weighed but one pound above the flyweight limit, he administered a severe shellacking to the Upstater, dropping him twice while winning eleven of the twelve rounds of their tilt. Another respected bantamweight, Irish Johnny Curtin, was outpointed by the fast Genaro in a twelve-round setto.

Pancho Villa died suddenly in July, 1925, and Genaro claimed the world's flyweight title. That year Frankie racked up eight more wins to bring his consecutive string up to twelve straight.

Then came a severe setback for the New York Italian. In August of 1925 he traveled to Los Angeles to box a young college student, Fidel LaBarba by name, LaBarba, like Genaro,

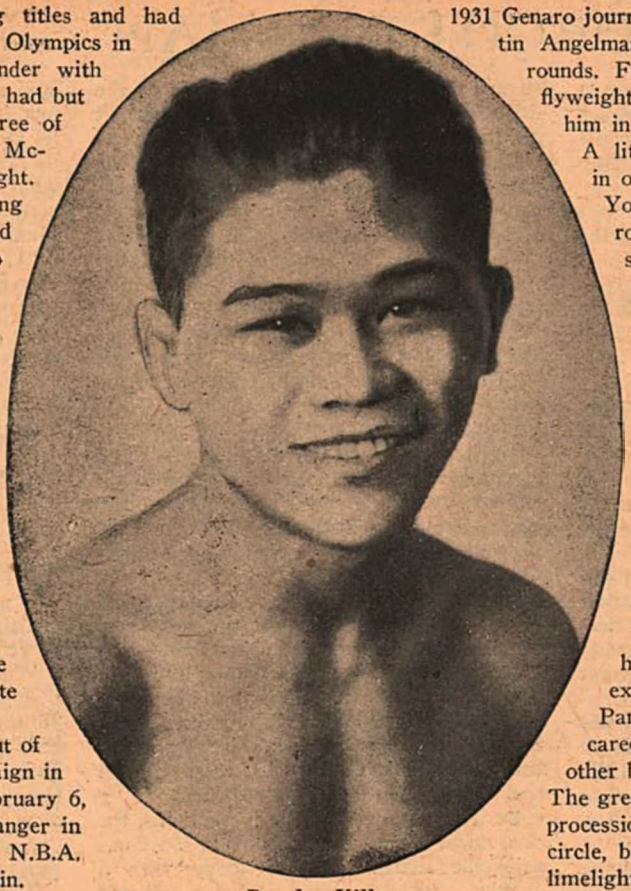
captured numerous amateur boxing titles and had represented the United States in the Olympics in 1924. Facing Genaro in a ten rounder with the flyweight title at stake, LaBarba had but ten pro bouts under his belt. In three of these he had been defeated by Jimmy McLarnin, then a fast-rising flyweight.

Recovering from a slow start, during which the cagey Genaro pummelled him freely, LaBarba came back to batter Frankie and win the flyweight championship. After a few fights LaBarba then threw the 112 pound class into complete confusion as he announced his retirement from the ring in order to continue his studies at Stanford University.

Newsboy Brown who had defeated Genaro shortly after Frankie lost to LaBarba, was whipped by Corporal Izzy Schwartz whom New York State recognized as champion. Midget Wolgast later defeated Black Bill in a fifteen round elimination in 1930 in Madison Square Garden to gain New York State recognition as titleholder.

Genaro meanwhile was far from out of the running as he continued to campaign in this country and in Canada. On February 6, 1928, Frankie defeated Frenchy Belanger in a ten rounder at Toronto to win N.B.A. recognition as the 112 pound Kingpin.

A few losses in overweight scraps studded the record of Genaro, but he strengthened his claim considerably by battling to a fifteen round draw with Midget Wolgast in Madison Square Garden in 1930, and on the strength of this bout continued to claim even more strongly his right to the flyweight diadem. Despite the fact that he had been boxing for close to twelve years as a professional and was a lover of spaghetti, the midget battler, Genaro, whom Bill Daly, the racing trainer, declared would grow far beyond the required weight for a jockey, rarely scaled higher than 114 pounds. In 1931 Genaro journeyed to Europe and defeated Valentin Angelman in a titular defense over fifteen rounds. Frankie finally lost his hold on the flyweight crown when Young Perez stopped him in Paris on October 27, 1931.



Pancho Villa
great little Filipino flyweight.

A little heavier now, Genaro took part in one fight in 1932 and was kayoed by Young Tommy in Los Angeles in three rounds. The New York veteran showed he still had a little bit of his old ring skill left as he won three bouts in 1933. In one of these fights he pinned back the ears of an up-and-coming youngster, named Joey Archibald, the same Archibald who himself was destined to become a world's boxing champion in the featherweight division.

Frankie Genaro finally bowed out of the boxing picture and retired from the ring when he was knocked out by Speedy Dado in three rounds at San Jose, Calif., on February 13, 1934. Paradoxically, Genaro, who had scaled the fistic heights at the expense of one Filipino, the great Pancho Villa, finished his fighting career with a defeat at the hands of another brown skinned battler, Speedy Dado. The great little flyweight, the last of a great procession of mighty mites of the squared circle, bounced back briefly into the boxing limelight when he hit the headlines with a Golden Gloves champion in 1946. Is he managing a flyweight, did you ask? Don't be silly, a heavyweight of course! Genaro, now a portly little longshoreman in Staten Island, manages Wade Chancey, a blond 190-pound lad from the crossroads town of Folkston, Ga. Wade won the sub-novice heavyweight title in the Golden Gloves finals at the Garden when he knocked out Manuel Grana in 1:18 of the third round. In June of last year, Chancey turned professional and to date Wade has failed to click! In five bouts among the money chasers, he has lost four. It appears that Genaro's choice has dropped by the wayside.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

RECENTLY I was browsing through a book and came across the following. It's on women fighters, date 1728. Offhand the only other incident I have come across is related in Frank Menke's encyclopedia of sports and several other places and I believe this antedates it. Thought you might be interested in seeing it:

HANDYBOOK OF LITERARY CURIOSITIES BY WILLIAM S. WALSH, LONDON: GIBBONS & CO., LTD., 1898.

ADVERTISING, QUAINT AND CURIOUS:

The ingenious reader may have imagined that prize-fighting and boxing were the special privileges of the stronger half of humanity. A glance at the advertising columns of the eighteenth century papers will convince him of his mistake. The following is by no means a solitary instance. It appeared in the *Daily Post* of July 17, 1728, in the form of a challenge and answer:

"Whereas I, Ann Field, of Stoke-Newington, ass-driver, well-known for my abilities in boxing in my own defence wherever it happened in my way, having been affronted by Mrs. Stokes, styled the European Championess, do fairly invite her to a trial of the best skill in boxing, for ten pounds, fair rise and fall; and question not but to give her such proofs of my judgment that shall oblige her to acknowledge me Championess of the Stage, to the entire satisfaction of all my friends.

"I, ELIZABETH STOKES, of the city of London, have not fought in this way since I fought the famous woman of Billingsgate twenty-nine minutes, and gained a complete victory (which is six years ago); but as the famous Stoke-Newington ass-woman dares me to fight her for ten pounds, I do assure her I will not fail meeting her for the said sum, and doubt not that the blows which I shall present her with will be more difficult for her to digest than she ever gave her asses."

But it seems to have been disconcerned that even these degraded creatures had not lost all the characteristics of their sex. Some challenges provided that each woman shall hold half a crown in each hand, "the first woman that drops the money to lose the battle." Evidently the feminine temptation to use nails instead of the fists had to be provided against.

. . . end of note . . . all I can add is that Bess must have been quite a woman and my money is on her if we ever find the result. It seems she reigned for quite a time, at least over six years, and was thoroughly acknowledged the champion(ess).

JOHNNIE SALAK,
Walter Reed Hospital

THE FORGOTTEN MAN

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SO much for that phase of the forgotten man. Perhaps too much time and space have been devoted to it. But it is of the utmost importance in the current ring picture.

Now for our specific cases of the forgotten man in the competitive ranks of the socking industry.

Let us consider Ezzard Charles of Cincinnati. He long has been rated as being the standout contender for the title which Gus Lesnevich carried into the New York ring on February 28, against Billy Fox.

There is no doubt that Charles, and not Fox, should have got that chance at Gus. But the New York Commission, whose rule specifically states that the challenger must be the "outstanding contender", insisted it was not a matchmaker, and permitted Charles to be tossed aside.

When a fighter experiences serious trouble in getting matches in a certain locality, with stress on Pop Knickerbocker's terrain, there are hints of unwillingness to play the game the way certain folks want it played.

Examination of Charles' record shows that he whipped Jimmy Bivins, No. 11 in THE RING'S heavyweight ratings for 1946, in a ten rounder in Pittsburgh, then knocked him cold in a return bout in four rounds.

Charles also scored a knockout triumph, not so very long ago, over Booker Beckwith, the Gary, Ind., socker, who landed the No. 6 berth in the light-heavy rankings for last year, and Bimy Smith, an outstanding light-heavyweight, in four rounds.

At this writing, Charles has participated in eleven fights since his return from the Army. He took six of those encounters with knockouts.

In addition to beating Bivins and Beckwith, the Cincinnati Negro turned the tables on Archie Moore, beat Billy Smith, Oakland light-heavy, in ten, and knocked out Lloyd Marshall.

Fox got the match with Lesnevich because he offered a spectacular record,—42 knockouts in 42 starts. Great stuff for press agent material. But not one of those 42 victories was achieved over a top flight light-heavyweight.

There is no question that Charles is the No. 1 forgotten man among the ringsters of today. He rates tops in both the light-heavy and heavyweight competition.

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NOW let us look into the case of Jake LaMotta, a New York boxer who, for a long time, had to keep commuting to Detroit to keep himself busy.

Up to now, Jake certainly has qualified for a place among the forgotten men. There lately has been strong accent on the middleweight division, but Jake doesn't figure in the new movement.

Interest in the middleweight class unquestionably was heightened by the Graziano case. It also has been increased by the importation of Marcel Cerdan, the Frenchman who owns the European title in that division. He made his American debut with a close victory over the veteran Georgie Abrams, and, then knocked out Harold Green to become the Twentieth Century S.C.'s new baby. There isn't a chance for LaMotta to get a crack at the title while Cerdan is around and Jake won't get any help from the Commission.

Robinson's long delayed achievement of the official championship among the welters was expected to develop a keener interest in the division. However, the entire class may drop into the ranks of the forgotten man because there is no serious contention for Sugar Ray.

Things looked tough enough in that division before Beau Jack was bumped off by Tony Janiro in four heats, and Charley Fusari knocked out Tippy Larkin.

However, it is conceivable that Janiro is going to be a much better fighter than had been expected, and Fusari will come along to bother even the clever Robinson. Janiro, it is understood, will enter the middleweight division this summer in the hopes of getting a title shot.

The lightweights, too, are in danger of falling into the category of the forgotten. There are two recognized champions,—Bob Montgomery, who is rated the leader in New York, and Ike Williams, whom the NBA calls the title holder. It is interesting that neither New Jersey nor Pennsylvania, both members of the NBA, has sided with that body in its accolade for Ike.

Be it Montgomery or be it Williams, the class lacks drama and authority. To compare the lightweights of today with a division which once included Benny Leonard, Lew Tendler, Johnny Dundee, Tony Canzoneri, Lou Ambers, among other past masters, would be pressing a joke too far.

As a matter of fact, the way boxing is being run today, despite the large crowds in Madison Square Garden weekly, all sections below the middleweight are having a tough time. The featherweights are being ignored even more studiously than the lightweights. And as for the bantams, and the virtually non-existent flyweights, they might as well be off the list.

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THE attitude of the promoters, particularly those in New York, with emphatic stress on the entrepreneurs of the Garden toward the smaller divisions, is well illustrated by the story recently told about the bizarre and picturesque Kid Broad by our colleague Jersey Jones and here repeated.

Broad was fighting Aurelio Herrera, the Mexican lightweight, who the following year was to go 20 rounds with Battling Nelson.

The time was June 13, 1903, the place Butte, Mont. The fight developed quite a few unpleasant incidents for the Kid. Less than a month before he had fought 20 fiercely contested rounds with Benny Yanger. The Kid figured Aurelio to be a hard hitter but counted on his superior acumen to get him the decision.

However, right from the start things went badly for Broad and in the fourth round, a righthander put the Kid on the canvas.

In relating the poignant series of incidents, the Kid, who enunciated with the difficulties of the hare-lipped, said, "The Mexican sent me down, and as I lay there I said, 'Kid, what will your uncle in Cleveland say if you don't get up?' So I raised myself, and what does the Mexican do but let me have it a second time.

"As I sniffed up the resin, I said, 'Kid, what will your uncle in Cleveland say if you don't pick yourself up and fight this Mexican?' So I got up.

"Well, much to my disappointment, this Herrera belted me again. As I lay there I said, 'Kid, what will your folks in Cleveland say if you fail to get up before the referee counts ten?'

"And would you believe it? I said, 'To hell with my uncle in Cleveland. I got enough.'"

The matchmakers seem to be saying, "To hell with the little guys. We can't make enough dough out of them."

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THE question arises: Are the matchmakers correct on any count in ignoring the featherweights, bantams and even flyweights?

Was there ever a more interesting battle than the one in which Pancho Villa whipped Jimmy Wilde in the seventh round at the Polo Grounds in New York on the night of June 18, 1922? Were there many more interesting fighters than Abe Attell and Johnny Kilbane, George Dixon and Johnny Dundee, in their glorious heyday as featherweights?

The sect of feathers suffered a serious blow recently. It came in the airplane accident in which Willie Pep, the world champion, injured his back.

Talk about your forgotten men and your dark horses of championship history. The oldtimers like to tell about the night Al McCoy knocked out Middleweight Champion George Chip in Brooklyn in 1914 as the outstanding example of a cheese fighter toppling the king of a division.

But the rise of Harold Dade to the top of the bantam class this year tops even the classic example of the McCoy who was not the REAL McCoy. Dade in a return bout lost the crown again to Manuel Ortiz, but the fact remains that Harold was the champ for a short spell.

Before Dade dethroned Ortiz, Harold was so completely unknown outside of Los Angeles that he had failed to appear in the bantam ratings for 1946. He had done some interesting things as an amateur before going into service, but had given no inkling of his championship potentialities and in the fight he weighed in as a featherweight and was rated in that division in the record group.

About the flyweight class, however, American fighters themselves have shown small concern. The perennial champion in that class is the Scot, Jackie Paterson. Black Pico, the Cuban spider, has been forced to go to Europe for action. He is a great little battler, as is Armando Puenti Pi. They are the best on this side of the continent.

In completing our listing of the forgotten men, we must not snub Billy Conn.

One year ago, the biggest match in the offing was the return engagement between Conn and Joe Louis.

Today you might fill the New York Garden—and then only at popular prices—with a third edition of this "rivalry."

Fusari Catches Fans' Fancy

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Mickey Walker and Freddie (Red) Cochrane of Elizabeth, Jim Braddock of North Bergen, Gus Lesnevich of Cliffside Park, and Ike Williams of Trenton.

And it has uncovered such other outstanding ring mechanics as the Handler brothers, Jimmy and Joe; Frankie Burns, Joe Jeannette, Patsy Kline, Jeff Smith, Jim Savage, Joe Shugrue, Charley Weinert, Tommy Tuohey, Charley Sieger, Young Rector, Johnny Drummie, Georgie Ward, Banty Lewis, Irish Johnny Curtin, Ad Stone, Ernie Schaaf, Paul Cavalier, Tony Galento, and scores of others who rated right up there or thereabouts with the best of them.

The Handler brothers of Newark were among the early Jersey favorites. They were at their peaks along about the turn of the century. Jimmy, the elder, rated as one of the world's top welters, and at one time claimed the title, following a fifteen-round win on a foul over Mysterious Billy Smith in New York in 1900. Joe operated as a lightweight, and was touted as likely championship material until he was knocked out by Joe Gans in Trenton in 1901.

A deadly left-hooker was Patsy Kline, chunky Newark Italian, who campaigned as a featherweight, and made things tough for the champion, Abe Attell, in three ten-round no-decision scuffles in New York. Patsy also ambled out to Vernon, California, in 1911 to lose a close twenty-round verdict to Johnny Kilbane a few months before the Clevelander relieved Attell of the title in the same ring.

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ONE of the finest fighting machines ever developed in Jersey—but destined never to become a champion—was Frankie Burns of Jersey City. Frankie flourished in an era when the bantam class was loaded with talent, and he fought 'em all. Burns was given three cracks at the bantam title, all in twenty-rounders in New Orleans, but couldn't quite come through. He lost a disputed decision to Johnny Coulon in 1912, fought a draw with Kid Williams in 1915, and dropped a verdict to Pete Herman in 1917.

Contemporaneous with Burns was a fellow-townsman, Joe Shugrue, a top lightweight of the period. One of Joe's most notable performances was a kayo of Benny Leonard early in that great champion's career. Shugrue's career was suddenly cut short when failing eyesight forced him to retire in 1916.

Another great Jersey ringman was Jeff Smith, Bayonne's celebrated Globe Trotter, one of the most accomplished boxers the middleweight division ever has known. Jeff didn't miss many of the good 'uns during his eventful career—a career that included one complete 'round-the-world junket, several trips to Europe, and two jaunts to Australia. But it wasn't until the fag end of that career, when he was nearly thirty and had been actively campaigning for eleven years, that Jeff was accommodated with a title match. During their reigns as champion, George Chip and Al McCoy studiously avoided the issue with Smith, but Mike O'Dowd finally was persuaded to take a chance with him in Madison Square Garden in 1920. In his eagerness to cinch the match, Smith made too many concessions, and one of them—agreeing to a special ringside weight of 158 pounds—proved his undoing. Lacking his usual strength and stamina, Jeff dropped a fifteen-round decision.

Joe Jeannette of Hoboken was a member of that great quartet of Negro heavyweights—Jack Johnson, Sam Langford and Sam McVey were the others—who thrived in the era preceding the outbreak of the First World War. One of the ring's most remarkable episodes concerned a Jeannette-McVey battle in Paris. It was listed as a "finish fight," and Jeannette, after being floored no less than twenty-seven times, outlasted McVey to make Sam call it quits in the forty-ninth round!

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ONE of the fastest, most graceful big fellows ever to flash across the fistic scene was Charley Weinert. But success came too early and too easily to the youngster. Weinert was only eighteen when he came out of West Orange to hit the headlines by whipping Battling Levinsky in Bill Brown's old sluggery at Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street. The Adonis, they called Charley, and he could easily have been the inspiration for a popular song of the day: "You Oughta Be in Pictures." But his youth, good looks, and the fascination of fast company and bright lights combined to keep Charley from cashing in fully on his remarkable natural ability, though he did fairly well for himself against the top heavies of his era.

In 1916 Weinert figured in a Jersey "natural" that, like the recent Fusari-Larkin affair, required a Madison Square Garden background for settlement. Charley's vis-a-vis on that occasion was Jim Savage of Orange, one of the best of the then current big 'uns. Their feud was a real neighborhood affair, Charley and Jim living only three short blocks from each other, and feeling was intense between the rival followings.

That the two eventually would get together in the ring was inevitable. And, just as in the Fusari-Larkin scrap, youth was returned the winner over experience, Weinert stopped Savage in the seventh round!

Clever Seconds

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an impossible task for him. However he trained hard and seemed to be in first class condition when he faced the tough, hard-hitting Lavigne.

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FOR several rounds he gave the Kid a terrific beating. Lavigne took punishment doggedly and concentrated his attack on the Negro's body. The Kid's right ear was split and his face a mask of blood from Walcott's savage deliveries. But presently Joe's overtrained condition began to tell on him, he weakened visibly, and Lavigne kept driving viciously in.

Walcott was staggering on the verge of a knockout as the bout went into its concluding rounds. Had it not been for O'Rourke's exertions and encouragement in his corner, Joe would inevitably have been stopped. He wanted to quit badly, but Tom kept him going by dint of alternate persuasion and threats. Walcott always had a healthy fear of offending his stern manager, and consequently stuck it out to the close of the scheduled fifteen rounds. He lost the decision, but thanks to O'Rourke's skill as a second, he didn't suffer the ignominy of a knockout.

But from O'Rourke's point of view it had been a stake worth taking a chance for. On June 1, 1896, Lavigne became lightweight champion of the world by knocking out Dick Burge of England at the London National Sporting Club, in 17 rounds. That was the battle Joe's manager had his eye on. If Walcott had whipped Lavigne, the former would have been matched with Burge instead of the Saginaw Kid, and there is scarcely a doubt that the redoubtable Negro puncher would have stopped the Briton.

There are many capable seconds officiating in the modern ring. One of the greatest was the late Jack Blackburn, Negro welterweight veteran of many battles, who was one of the best fighters of his day. The fans of this generation remember him for his services as trainer and second of the present heavyweight champion, Joe Louis.

Making Strides

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ton, but it wasn't until a year ago that he began to attract real attention by whipping Jimmy Mandell, after Mandell had fought a draw with Georgie Abrams. Since then, Smuggy has been winning consistently, knocking out Bobby Pryor, Georgie Williams, Jimmy Pettie and Howie Brodt, and punching out decisions over Nava Esparza, Barry Wright, Ellis Stewart, Charley Hayes, dangerous Billy Arnold and Ray Williams.

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BOB AMOS

BOB "FLASH" AMOS, 19-year-old atom bomb from Detroit, is forging ahead in the light-heavy ranks, by virtue of his bullet-like right. Bob has yet to taste defeat and has iced sixteen of his twenty-one opponents. Hailing from Detroit the "Flash" first was noticed in his local bailiwick as a seventeen-year-old simon pure who handled himself with credit in sparring sessions with his stablemate, Jimmy Edgar.

Eddie Futch is managing the Negro lad who aspires to attain the esteem of Detroiters as did Joe Louis.

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The St. Paul Sheriff

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cause he always had difficulty in reaching the jaw of clever men like Gibbons and Tunney.

On the day of the fight, the money which was guaranteed Dempsey was not on hand. Kearns threatened to cancel the bout unless Jack's dough was up before he entered the ring. The business men who had backed the fight were unable to raise any more money. The banks refused to give any more money out as loans. Shelby was in a tough spot yet Kearns was adamant. The money must be put up or there would be no fight.

Well, the money finally was put up much to the regret of the bank officials because those who financed the deal lost every penny and the banks were forced to close down. Shelby went flat broke and the only ones who gained anything by the fight were Dempsey and his manager. They got Mike Jacobs to take the guarantee out of the city in a valise, thus saving the dough from those who were awaiting the opportunity to make off with the receipts to save the city. Jacobs and Kearns fooled them and it was Kearns who ordered Dempsey to take things easy in order to give Jacobs the chance to make the getaway with the money. This he did.

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IT has never been intimated that Gibbons was intimidated at the Shelby battle, but the fact remains that he did not succeed in doing any special damage to the champion. Yet the St. Paul man had his golden opportunity at that time and missed it.

Nevertheless, Gibbons had one more chance in the direction of a title fight. He got a match with Gene Tunney and had he won, he no doubt would have been justified in claiming another contest with Dempsey for the championship.

The contest with Tunney took place in New York City on June 5, 1925, a little more than a year previous to the Philadelphia bout in which Dempsey lost the title to Tunney. Gibbons' form proved that he was well on the way to retirement. Tunney led nearly all the way, and knocked Gibbons out in the 12th round. That ended the career of Tom Gibbons as title contender, and he soon thereafter retired from the ring.

Gibbons weighed 175 pounds in his best form, and stood five feet, nine and one-half inches tall. He was a lean, wiry fellow, speedy on his feet and a quick thinker. When he started boxing in 1913, he was a welterweight, and met such ringsters as Billy Miske and Harry Greb, the contests being decisionless and lasting the limit of ten rounds.

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WHEN Gibbons began to take on weight in 1919, he began fighting heavies like Bartley Madden, Bob Roper and Al Reich.

In 1921 he compiled a knockout record that brought him sharply to the attention of the boxing world. Gibbons stopped these fighters in jig time: Tony Melchoir, one round; Al Reich, one round; Paul Sampson, two rounds; George Norcross, two rounds; Porky Flynn, eleven rounds; Hugh Walker, one round; Jack Clifford, three rounds; Jack Heenan, one round; Sergt. Ray Smith, two rounds; Willie Keeler, two rounds; Willie Meehan, one round; Dan O'Dowd, three rounds; Bill Reed, two rounds; Joe Burke, two rounds; Clay Turner, one round; Fred Elen, one round; Soldier Jones, one round; Dan Dowd, six rounds and Hope Mullen, one round.

There was a total of 19 knockouts in less than one year, and while the victims were for the most part without special class, Gibbons' feat was by no means unimportant.

In 1922 Gibbons won a ten-round bout from Billy Miske, and lost a 15-round decision to Harry Greb.

It was in 1923 that Gibbons had his chance to win the title from Dempsey, but failed to accomplish the feat, and thereafter he retrograded and stepped down and out.

Today Tom Gibbons is a widely respected citizen of St. Paul where he is sheriff and has acted in such capacity for a number of years. He is very much interested in the youth movement, has been a big factor in the fight against juvenile delinquency and in many Catholic charities. Boxing was good to Tom and Tom has repaid it a hundredfold.

The Scramble Is On

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qualities in recent battles than he had during the previous year. Baksi is awkward, and not overly burdened with what the trade calls "class," but he is tough, aggressive and durable, built for wear and tear, and in his lumbering way he might make an interesting go of it for the short time the bout would be certain to last.

Walcott currently heads THE RING'S heavyweight listings. Jersey Joe may not have looked too impressive in his Madison Square Garden affair with Elmer Ray, but there was a decidedly different story unfolded in their return match in Miami, where the Camden veteran whipped Elmer in decisive fashion, dropping him several times along the way.

Walcott boasts the best record of any of the heavyweight contenders, and with his interesting background, and tremendous Jersey following, he has a legitimate claim to a championship match. By way of forcing the issue, Walcott's wealthy backers are prepared to match Bettina's guarantee of $200,000 to Louis for the bout.

Bettina's claims for recognition are deserving of serious consideration. Though shunned by the Louis Brain Trust, the Beacon, New York, veteran produces a solid record that should qualify him for a title match. The fact that he is a southpaw, and Louis never has tangled with an opponent of that annoying species, would lend an unusual angle to the match.

Bettina's manager, Jimmy Grippo, is reported ready to post a purse of $200,000 for Louis if he'll take on Melio. Exactly where Grippo expects to round up this much cash has not been revealed, but it shouldn't represent too much of a problem.

Let's see, who else is around? Well, Jack Dempsey and Max Waxman were doing a terrific job a few months ago of building Curtis (Hatchetman) Sheppard into a possible rival for Louis. But in recent weeks the Hatchetman has been considerably blunted. First, he had a tough job eking out a close decision over ordinary Sandy McPherson in Baltimore, and on top of that he got himself thoroughly shellacked by Jimmy Bivins in Philadelphia.

Bivins, of course, is definitely out of consideration, since his four-round kayo by Charles in Cincinnati.

Johnny Buckley has been making quite a to-do over his Johnny Shkor since the transplanted Baltimorean was credited with stopping Tami Mauriello in Boston. The bout was halted at the close of the eighth round because of nasty cuts over Mauriello's eyes.

A guy cannot be ruled off for trying, we're told, and Buckley is an old, capable hand at grabbing hold of Opportunity when it comes a-rappin'. But Johnny has little, very little, to support his ambitious bid for Shkor, whose general record hardly is calculated to arouse the populace to undue enthusiasm. In the year preceding the Mauriello incident, Shkor knocked out Johnny Allen and Joe Matisi, but was beaten by ancient Natie Mann, Curtis Sheppard and Joe Muscato, and flattened by Buddy Walker.

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A FEW paragraphs ago we remarked there was no one in view at the moment capable of offering a really serious threat to Louis' laurels. We trust we'll be pardoned for our lapse. There IS one. Ezzard Charles, the rangy Cincinnatian, with the coal-black skin, and next to Louis', the most devastating punch in the ring today.

Charles, we understand, has been ruled out of consideration for the June date on the ground that he is "too small." True, Ezzard is a light-heavy, and his best fighting avoirdupois is in the neighborhood of 172 pounds. BUT—let's not overlook the grim fact that the nearest Louis has come to losing his title was in his first meeting with Billy Conn. And the Pittsburgh Kid was little more than an overblown middleweight at the time. Billy had to pad himself to come in at 174 for the bout.

Charles packs something Conn never had—a real knockout wallop. Pound for pound, Ezzie is the most prodigious clouter in the business. He has proved himself capable of flattening an opponent with one shot. He did it to one of the toughest light-heavies now functioning, Oakland Billy Smith, and he did it to ringwise Jimmy Bivins.

Louis has been hit, and he's been hurt. He was dropped by Max Schmeling, Jim Braddock, Tony Galento and Buddy Baer, and staggered by Billy Conn, Bob Pastor, Jorge Brescia, Tommy Farr and Tami Mauriello.

If Charles nailed Louis, there's no saying what would happen. Ezzie is one fighter who knows how to cash in quickly and emphatically on a momentary advantage.

At any rate, by the time this appears in print, Louis' opponent probably will have been nominated. Whether it's Woodcock, Walcott, Baksi, Bettina or Charles, we're assured of a heavyweight championship bout in the Yankee Stadium, with June 26 as the date. Louis insists on fighting somebody, and somebody it'll be—even if they have to haul Harry Markson out of the Twentieth Century's press headquarters and toss him in there with Joe.

Stories of the Roped Square

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EVERYONE wonders how so quiet and conservative a chap as Tony Zale ever became a pugilist.

Tony became a fighter because all of his brothers were boxers. With him it was simply a case of when in Rome do as the Romans do. Incidentally Zale is one of several outstanding boxers who called it quits on a ring career only to return to greater success.

Back in 1936 the silent Polish boy decided to give up the business of pugilism in favor of the steel mills of his native Gary, Ind. He considered himself mismanaged, hadn't been doing too well and was thoroughly disgusted.

He stuck with his retirement plans more than a year and it took plenty of high pressure arguing on the parts of Sam Pian and Art Winch before he agreed to take another fling at the ring. The thing that decided him finally, was the good impression made upon him by Pian and Winch as a couple of stable business-like parties.

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MOST famous case of a retired fighter's return to glory is of course found in the career of James J. Braddock. Broke, dispirited, a washed up light-heavyweight with a large family and on relief, James J., a year out of the ring, took a fight with one Corn Griffin in desperation in 1934. A year later he was the heavyweight champion of the world.

A manager's concern for his charge sent another famed ringman into the mothballs for a year when Jack Hurley, upset by a defeat suffered by Billy Petrolle at the hands of King Tut, propositioned his fighter thusly: "Billy, you were too good a fighter to start getting punched around now. I'm going to ask you to quit. You've saved your money and you can get started in business in Duluth. This looks like the wind-up."

Petrolle agreed, put away his ring gear, was doing well in business in the Minnesota city. A year later he came to Hurley and said he wanted to fight again. "What!" shouted the astonished manager, "why? You're doing well for yourself, you're in good shape physically and financially, why in the world do you want to fight again?"

"I feel good. I think all I needed was a rest. I can still lick more guys than can lick me."

Hurley was dubious, but fearing that the boxer, of whom he was genuinely fond, would have his way anyhow, probably going to some one of less conscience regarding his welfare, he finally assented. Petrolle proved to be a greater fighter after his retirement than he had ever been before.

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ONE of the strangest ring tales concerns the Benny Leonard-Charley White affair back in 1920. Benny wasn't in the best of shape for this one but he needed the dough at the time, so took a chance with the dangerous lefthooker. White, a notoriously slow thinker, allowed quick-on-the-trigger Benny to out-talk and out-maneuver him for 7 rounds.

In the eighth, the Chicagoan landed one of his left hooks on Leonard and the champion tumbled out of the ring. Benny climbed back in. Always most dangerous when hurt, he let a right go and floored White. The amazed Leonard then watched the referee drop to the canvas alongside White, where he seemed to be whispering something into his ear. White arose and Leonard dropped him again. Again the referee went into his dive to the canvas. A second time White arose, and Leonard let him have it again.

This time, as Benny tells it, "When the referee went down, I went right down to the canvas with him and counted loudly enough for all to hear until White had been counted out. Then I didn't wait for the referee, I jumped up and held up my own hand and shouted, 'The winner, Benny Leonard'."

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KID LAVIGNE was a great lightweight champion of years ago. Boxers, particularly in the lighter classes, didn't make a great deal of money in those days though. However, Lavigne had put a few thousand dollars aside.

A native of Saginaw, Michigan, the Kid, in training for a fight, accompanied by a couple of handlers, was one day jogging along a country road outside the town doing his roadwork.

As the boys ambled along the Kid confided that he would like very much to invest his hard earned dough in some kind of business. His companions seconded the idea, and becoming winded, announced that they'd rest a bit alongside the road and pick up Lavigne on the way back.

A half-hour or so later, the fighter appeared, back-tracking on the way home. The weary trainers fell in step alongside him. After a few steps Lavigne said, "Ya know a funny thing happened right around that bend after I left you guys. There was a fellow down there trying to get one o' them there horseless carriages to go. It stopped all of a sudden and he was tryin' to get it started again. Asked me if I ever saw one before. Told him no. Then he said he was goin' in that business and try to sell 'em, but he needed a little dough to get moving..

"How do you like that, trying to get money to sell something he can't even start himself. Nobody'd ever get me mixed up in anything as crazy as that."

"Did you find out what the guy's name was?" asked the trainer.

"Yeah, I think he said Ford, Henry Ford."

New Faces

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three years which included being torpedoed in the Mediterranean Sea.

He is managed by Hymie and Ziggie Kahn.

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TOM KIDDY

TOM KIDDY, veteran of four years of service in the United States Marines, had his first pro fight late in 1946 after his discharge. He has done most of his mitt slinging in the environs of Chicago and Milwaukee where he has rapidly become a favorite among the middleweights.

Kiddy learned his boxing while in the Marine Corps, where he was tutored by ring-wise Tommy Loughran. He has yet to be defeated, although he fought one draw with Jack Ballangee. He has knocked out Kid Wayman, Henry Mills, Jimmy Wilson and Frenchy Ferland. Kiddy also holds the nod over Tom Varsos and Ted Bussey.

Jersey Jolters

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little more than a mild workout for him. The "workout" became a disaster, however, when Red leaned one on his chin in the third round. While that victory tops Applegate's record so far, the Montclair belter also holds a kayo over the veteran Gus Dorazio, and decisions over Johnny White and Bill Wilson. In his most recent outing, Red dropped a close decision to experienced Teddy Randolph in Newark.

A Jerseyite by adoption is Laverne Roach, transplanted Texas middleweight, now living in Millburn. Since dropping a decision to Art Towne in his first showing in the metropolitan district, Laverne has been a consistent winner, and is tabbed as one of the best of the younger crop of 160-pounders. His latest achievement was a technical kayo over Danny Rosati in White Plains. Previously, Roach had beaten Joe Tate, Joe Agosta and Leroy McQueen.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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IN Kansas City, Kansas, Roy Miller and Pete Spotti were booked as the feature attraction on a fight card, but Referee Gus Spartan and Spotti's manager held the spotlight instead. Miller, 160-pound Kansas City battler, had things easy with Spotti, who scaled only 154, and the Pittsburgh boxer's seconds tossed in the towel, but Spotti kicked it out of the ring.

The towel was picked up by his seconds and again hurled into the ring and Spotti again kicked it out.

Referee Spartan ignored the towel also, and Spotti's manager, Niel Rigero, then took a hand. He leaped into the ring and the referee and he engaged in a little fisticuffs while the crowd yelled its approval and the fighters, Miller and Spotti, looked on as interested spectators.

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A BILL has been introduced in Minnesota which, if passed, would put an end to all amateur and professional sports of all kinds, as well as night clubs, theatres, dance halls, roller and ice skating rinks. The bill calls for an additional tax to be levied by the state, bringing the total of federal and state levy to 50 per cent, the highest in the world.

George A. Barton, chairman of the Boxing Commission and sports editor of the Minneapolis *Morning Tribune*, has this to say of the measure:

"Boxing would be hardest hit as it would pay a 50 per cent tax. The bill would mean a 30 per cent state tax in addition to the 20 per cent imposed by the Federal government.

"Passing of the bill would mean the end of all amateur and professional boxing as it would be impossible for the sponsors of Golden Gloves tournaments and promoters of professional boxing to operate on a fifty per cent basis."

Cerdan Rated Fighter of Month

By THE RING EDITOR

THERE was a terrific flop in boxing shows throughout the country during the past month, and as a result, activity, especially among the top ranking men, was at low ebb. Though the smaller clubs around New York seem to be holding up, so far as attendance is concerned, such is not the case in other localities. The long expected drop has arrived, and what is in store for the sport during the spring and summer is indicated by this sudden change.

Because of the few number of shows, the ratings for this month have only minor changes. Despite defeat suffered by several of the rated boxers, they have been retained in the monthly rankings due to lack of competition and the failure of any of the lesser lights to come to the front.

Joe Walcott continues to head the list of heavyweight contenders, while second choice goes to Joe Baksi. Ezzard Charles is our third choice.

Baksi's knockout of Woodcock puts the British heavyweight king out of the running for a world title fight, even if he should accept such an assignment. The public in America would kill off such an arrangement. Woodcock now drops to sixth place with Melio Bettina our fourth rated fighter and Tami Mauriello following, despite his defeat by Johnny Shkor because of a cut eye.

Melio Bettina, who is now being considered as a possible opponent for Joe Louis, is back in the select circle while Elmer Ray, due to his poor showing with Walcott, is eliminated and Lee Q. Murray whose fight with Johnny White was called "No Contest" is dropped to ninth place.

The worst division in boxing today is the light-heavyweight class with only a handful of topnotch battlers. Archie Moore is on the downgrade. Booker Beckwith is inactive. Billy Smith and Jack Chase have slipped to the has-been class and Ray Augustus and Costello Cruz, who are rated eighth and tenth, respectively, wouldn't be classified among the elite under ordinary conditions. Ezzard Charles is the top man of the division among the contenders.

The middleweight division, as in past months, carries the cream of the fighting talent. Marcel Cerdan's appearance in the States has added interest to the division and his triumphs over Georgie Abrams and Harold Green have not only boosted his stock but sent the stock of the entire division sky high. Marcel now rates second among Tony Zale's challengers. He is our "Fighter of the Month."

LaMotta retains his top post because there isn't a fighter of note in the division willing to accept his challange.. Jake is eager to battle Cerdan or Graziano for the right to meet Zale, but neither will tackle him. Graziano's request for a license from the New York Commission has been turned down and now Rocky feels he can go elsewhere to ply his trade. Therefore a Graziano-Zale fight will precede a Zale-Cerdan battle for the crown and LaMotta and Cerdan may yet get together. Cerdan is willing, but his mentors are against such a match.

Georgie Abrams' excellent showing against Anton Raadik, whom he whipped in Chicago in ten rounds, gives the veteran the break over his rivals and obtains for him third post in the middleweight challengers' ranks. Bert Lytell, a consistent winner from the best boys in his division, is next in line, and Graziano, who is now matched with Zale for a title shot, is ranked fifth.

In the welter class Ray Robinson won three tune-up fights and is now ready for his battle with Jimmy Doyle, a title match. Ray turned away from New York because the Twentieth Century Sporting Club failed to deliver a challenger as promised. Fusari, Janiro and Larkin each turned down such a bout as did Tony Pellone. No one can blame Ray for skipping away to other parts.

Bob Montgomery heads the lightweights with Bratton his nearest rival. Terranova continues to lead the feather challengers and Harold Dade, the bantams. Rinty Monaghan is top challenger for Jackie Paterson's title, though Dado Marino, Hawaiian, who fights both as a bantam and a flyweight, has accepted terms and will meet Paterson for the crown on June 11 in Glasgow.

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending April 10, 1947

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Gus Lesnevich	World's Champion Tony Zale	World's Champion Ray Robinson
1—Joe Walcott	Ezzard Charles	Jake LaMotta	Tommy Bell
2—Joe Baksi	Freddie Mills	Marcel Cerdan	Charley Fusari
3—Ezzard Charles	Billy Fox	Georgie Abrams	Tippy Larkin
4—Melio Bettina	Tommy Yarosz	Bert Lytell	Tony Janiro
5—Tami Mauriello	Archie Moore	Rocky Graziano	Jimmy Doyle
6—Bruce Woodcock	Booker Beckwith	Steve Belloise	Johnny Greco
7—Phil Muscato	Billy Smith	Charley Burley	Tony Pellone
8—Fitzie Fitzpatrick	Ray Augustus	Sam Baroudi	Bernard Docusen
9—Lee Q. Murray	Jack Chase	Artie Levine	Tommy Burns
10—Johnny Shkor	Costello Cruz	Vince Hawkins	Billy Graham

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion Vacant	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Jackie Paterson
International Title Vacant			
1—Bob Montgomery (Recognized by N.Y.)	Phil Terranova	Harold Dade	Rinty Monaghan
2—Johnny Bratton	Sandy Saddler	Luis Castillo	Maurice Sandeyron
3—Larry Cisneros	Miguel Acevedo	Theo Medina	Emile Famechon
4—Vic Patrick	Jock Leslie	Peter Kane	Raoul Degryse
5—Ike Williams (Recognized in NBA territory)	Carlos Chavez	Luis Galvani	Mustefa Mustaphaoui
6—Enrique Bolanos	Jackie Graves	David Kui Kong Young	Norman Lewis
7—John Thomas	Al Phillips	Tony Olivera	Dickie O'Sullivan
8—Danny Webb	Cliff Anderson	Bunty Doran	Armando Puenti Pi
9—Eugene Burton	Buddy Hayes	Dado Marino	Mickey Hill
10—Roberto Proietti	Chico Rosa	Tsuneshi Maruo	Ike Weir

Heavyweight bouts follow:—

Johnny Shkor stopped Tami Mauriello, 8.

Bruce Woodcock outpointed Stephen Olak, 15.

Joe Baksi stopped Bruce Woodcock in the seventh round.

Joe Muscato knocked out Freddie Schott, 2.

Ollie Tandburg knocked out Francois Jacques, 2.

Pat Comiskey stopped Clarence Jones, 3.

Fitzie Fitzpatrick outscored Jim Ritchie, 10.

Lee Q. Murray and Johnny White declared no-contest as White was not trying, 2.

Ben Johnson decisioned Eddie Ownby, 10.

Gunnar Barlund defeated Nisse Anderson, 10.

Gene Gosney stopped Cliff Koerkle.

Harry Berntsen stiffened Jim Lake, 5.

Lee Savold knocked out Duilio Spagnolo, 8.

Johnny Ralph outscored Buddy Scott, 10.

Tommy Gomez knocked out Johnny Aichers, 1.

Tony Bosnich stopped Eddie Reed, 9.

Al Jordan stiffened Newsboy Millich, 6.

Jimmy Carollo outpointed Henry Jones, 8.

Ted Lowry decisioned Steve Ketchel, 10.

Sanders Cox whipped Buster Peppe, 8.

Onelio Agramonte decisioned Ted Lowry, 8.

Bill Wilson halted Charlie Roth, 8.

Jim DeLuca stopped Mike Belluscio, 5.

Joe Matisi kayoed Clarence Brown, 2.

Kid Rivera knocked out Tex Boddie, 6.

Gene Jones whipped Sandy McPherson, 10.

Pat Valentino halted Jack Hannon Porter, 10.

Eddie Franklin stopped Oscar Goode, 2.

Tony Ferry outpointed Pete Louthis, 10.

Leo Matriciani whipped Cleo Everett, 10.

Teddy Randolph outpointed Willis Applegate, 10.

Johnny Flynn kayoed Perk Daniels, 1.

Leo Stoll and Wade Chancey drew in 10.

Sid Peak knocked out Charles Lester, 3, and Jim Anderson, 1.

Bill Zaier drew with Jackie Thompson, 4.

Charlie Roth drew with Buddy Thomas, 6.

George Fitch kayoed Lonnie Clark, 1.

Jim Todd defeated Jim Johnson, 6.

Ery Sarlin whipped Charley Riggs, 10.

Joe Chesul won over Steve King, 6.

Roy Thomas knocked out Buddy Moore, 4.

Jackie Fosher stopped Billy Shaw, 1.

Verne Esco stopped Gordon Grayston, 5.

Marvin Liddell decisioned Eddie Ownby, 8.

Henry Snow Flakes dropped Howard Berger, 3.

Jack Burns beat Don Searles, 4.

Vern Mitchell defeated Jackie Thompson, 6.

Fred Ramsey kayoed Bob Halliday, 4.

Roy Hawkins chilled Jimmy Casino, 2.

Bill Petersen stopped Al Ware, 5.

Willie Hayes knocked out Paul Crosby, 6.

Ray Thomas chilled Buddy Moore, 1.

Bob Sikes whipped Whitey Berlier, 10.

Billy Thompson kayoed Jackie Crauford, 6.

Abel Cestac knocked out Walter Haefer, 4.

Light-heavyweight Contests:

Archie Moore knocked out Jack Chase, 9.

Bob Foxworth kayoed Bob Satterfield, 1.

Jimmy Webb halted Eddie Ownby, 4.

Bobby Zander whipped Rusty Payne, 10.

Dolph Quijano whipped Todd Tate, 10.

Tommy Yarosz beat Dave Clark, 10.

Bernie Reynolds defeated Benny Droll, 10. Johnny Colan outpointed Ross Strickland, 10.

Archie Moore defeated Rusty Payne, 10. Ray Augustus outscored Eddie LaMarr, 10. Ezzard Charles decisioned Erv Sarlin, 10.

Adolph Witt drew with Dietrich Hucks, 10. Tee Hubert defeated Saint Paul, 10, and Paul came back to beat Ted Lowry, 10. Billy Thompson stopped Wally Sears, 6. George Millich outscored Jimmy Casino, 10. Gunboat Davis stiffened Phil Sheridan, 8.

Jimmy Richards stiffened Doc Bee, 2. Jim Rousse stopped Nick Barone, 6. Johnny De Nero beat Jim Rousse, 8. De Nero beat Jack McCurry, 4. Paul Crosby stiffened Dave Glanton, 1. Elton Evans beat Randy Brown, 6.

Bobby Dare halted Harold Reiss, 6. Bobby Marshall whipped Jack Wortham, 4. Cleve Bailey defeated Charley Babcock, 10. Johnny Hayes stopped Buster Peppe stopped Carl Stevens, 3. Jack Fowlks stopped Soldier Montoya, 2. Bob Amos stopped Shelton Bell, 8. Charley Banks chilled Johnny Buttram, 3. Sam Shumway halted Marty Houghton, 2, and Bob Hayden, 2.

Jimmy Edgar decisioned Deacon Brown, 10. Al Marchiano decisioned Tom McKeagney, 6. Rudy DiSanti stopped Vic Sabastion, 2. Tommy Ruth kayoed Jimmy Long, 2. Henry Gonzales defeated Bernard Humphrey, 4.

Clem Russo stopped Booker Robinson, 4. Newton Smith drew with Ellis Stewart, 6. Jackie Lyons outpointed Bobby Dare, 6. Bob Solly stopped Dominic Berrardo, 3. Johnny Hayes defeated Eddie Boden, 6.

Tommy Santarno decisioned Ray French, 4. Frankie Anderson kayoed Kid Chocolate, 2. Luther McMillen decisioned Joe Mason, 6. Joe Gorman decisioned Oscar Freeman, 4.

Dave Whitlock stopped Ray Voris, 3. Johnny Rice whipped Henry Holley, 6. Henry Odom chilled Paul Crosby, 2. George Clark defeated Ralph Freidman, 6. Ollie Madison decisioned Harold Hazlett, 6. Vince Gigante stopped Leroy McQueen, 2. Pat McCafferty kayoed Walter Johnson, 6. Buddy Shumway stopped Jack Wortham, 5.

Middleweights fared as follows:

Tony Zale kayoed Tommy Charles, 4 (non-title), and Al Timmons, 5 also non-title. Jake LaMotta out-mauled Tommy Bell, 10. Marcel Cerdan knocked out Harold Green, 2.

Georgie Abrams defeated Anton Raadik in 10. Tony Masciarella defeated Jim Jackson, 4. J. C. Wilkins outpointed Bobby Birch, 8. Billy Brown knocked out Bat Straud, 4.

Bert Lytell outpointed Eddie O'Neil, 10, and Sam Baroudi, 10. Steve Belloise outscored Randy Brown, 8. Pete Mead beat Sonny Horne, 10.

Roy Miller halted Pete Spotti, 5. Carl Olson decisioned Candy McDaniels, 10.

Charley Hayes stopped Russ Baxter, 4, but lost to Larry Fontana, 8. Chuck Hunter whipped Danny Rosati, 8, while Rosati was stopped by Laverne Roache, 5.

Holman Williams was held to a 10 round draw by Henry Hall, and then came back to win an easy 12 round verdict over Henry. Lee Sala stopped Joe O'Connell, 7, and Buster Baker, 6. Vincent Villavicencio stopped Tony Elizondo, 2, and Kid Azteca, Cecil Hudson stopped Jerry Fiorello, 9.

Fred Apostoli knocked out Bobby Volk, 3. Paul Lewis halted Lalo Rodriquez, 4. British middleweight champ Vince Hawkins beat Widmer Milandri, 10. Jack Wilson stopped Young Frisco, 5.

Henry Chemel halted George Williams, 6 and beat Charlie Dotson, 10. Tommy Marra beat Billy Kilroy, 8. Al Costa decisioned Jimmy Sauer, 10. Art Towne chilled Art Robinson, 2. Speedy Cannon won over Johnny Gardea, 6.

Jota Jota Fernandez halted Pat Byers, 3. Pete Kennedy defeated Al Vega, 8, while Vega also lost to Vic Costa, 8. Jimmy Palmer kayoed Lew Hardway, 2. Lou Woods halted Cliff Beckett, 5. Bee Bee Washington kayoed Solly Zalter, 4.

Billy Taylor decisioned Augie Fleischauer, 6. Vic Amato chilled Joe Agosta, 5. Pat O'Connor drew with Luther McMillen, 8. Danny Ruggiero shaded Al Fischer, 6, and Joey Fredda, 6. Danny Williams whipped Bobby Dawn, 6. Milo Savage defeated Johnny Taylor, 10. Hal Anspach whipped Tommy Burke, 4.

Smuggy Hursey decisioned Cyclone Williams, 10. Henry Rich drew with Kenny Watkins, 10. Frankie Burley knocked out Kid Chicolate, 3, halted Jackie DuBois, 8, but was stopped by Joe Rindone in 2. Doc Williams defeated Speedy Duval, 6.

Ray Spurlock whipped Coolidge Miller, 8. Clint Perry won over Jim Henderson, 10. Eddie Miller won over Sammy Mack, 8. Milton Jones halted Jerry Marshall, 5. Red Priest stopped Jimmy Henderson, 9. Jerry Boisvert chilled George Prince, 2.

Pat O'Connor kayoed Leroy Coleman, 4. Johnny Murphy stopped Johnny Lawer, 3. Mel Brown defeated Bill Stemmler, 6. George Doty stopped Joe Bennett, 6. Leon Thompson outpointed Meyer Siegel, 10. Billy Brown beat Jimmy Taylor, 10, and Joe Bowman, 6.

Lew Perez beat Nick Bertucci, 4. Nick Kashuba decisioned Charlie Howard, 8. Frankie Anderson halted Jackie DuBois, 5. Joe Carbo whipped Nick Bertucci, 4. Eddie Miller whipped Johnny Lawer, 10.

Jesse Moraney chilled Johnny Carter, 1. Al Line whipped Tony Masciarelli, 4, but Tony came back to chill Line in 2. Wally Clinto knocked out Ernie Foster, 2.

Art Tatta stopped Johnny Murphy, 2. Larry Villeneuve outpointed Jim Pettie, 6. Sidney Miller beat Baby Simms, 10. Tommy Lemmon defeated Paul Darby, 6. Jimmy Burke stopped Nick Melnick, 3.

Larry Cartwright beat Tip Ramsey, 8. James Toney whipped Buddy Hodnett, 5. Norman Butts won over Tommy Gordon, 4. Eddie Soares knocked out Carl McFadden, 3.

Henry Brimm outclassed veteran Vic Dellicurti, 10. Johnny Ditto chilled Joe Brown, 1. George Duke defeated Al Robinson, 10. Jerry Boisvert whipped Billy Lancaster, 10. Joe Girard stopped Johnny Lawer, 2.

Clarence Wilkinson defeated Johnny Clark, 8. Vernon Lester outscored Nick Kashuba, 8. Freddy Patterson kayoed Billy Struk, 2. Al Garcia chilled Willie Llanes, 2. Buddy Jones outslugged Panchito Gonzales, 6. Ellis Stewart halted Jimmy Moore, 3.

Joe Rindone stopped Willie Clinto, 2, and Frank Burley, 2. Art Lyons was stopped by Jack Kelly, 2. Charlie Lagore decisioned Goody Peters, 4. Al Hirch decisioned Tony Gargano, 6. Charley Zack halted Billy Gagnes, 6.

Tommy Blondin stopped Abe Romson, 1. Jimmy Mangia won over Don Anderson, 6. Al Maggie beat Harold Stroud, 6. George Brown won from Leon Sheppard, 8. Frankie Waite defeated Joe Ricco, 4. Gene Boland whipped Tony Vero, 8. Billy Dankar beat Buddy Bailey, 6. Johnny Duke outpointed Dick Wagner, 10. George Duke beat Charley O'Kelly, 10. Lavern Roache defeated Billy Cooper, 10.

Pete Mead halted Ruben Shank, 10. Jimmy Hill outscored Buddy Farrell, 8. Vinne Vines knocked out Frankie Angustain, 4. Kenny James whipped George Doty, 10. Jerry Boisvert stopped Frankie Ross, 7. Red Priest won from Jimmy Johnson, 10. Jack Kenny beat Freddy Flores, 10.

The welterweight tilts:

Ray Robinson knocked out Bernie Miller, 3, Fred Wilson, 3, and Eddie Finazzo, 4. Ernie Roderick shaded Tino Clavari, 8. Tippy Larkin outclassed Billy Graham, 10.

Billy Fox knocked out Georgie Kochan, 7. Joe Svalla beat Art McKenzie who was disqualified for repeated use of his elbows. Billy Struk beat Sam Santi, 4. Lew Sawicki decisioned Bobby Zollo, 10. Danny Martin defeated Ossie Bulldog Harris, 10.

Johnny Greco knocked out George Martin, 6. Sammy Angott chilled Nick Castiglione, 4. Sugar Cain in 3, and Cal Elphante, 3. Jimmy Doyle whipped Danny Kapilow, 10.

Buster Tyler stopped George B. Smith, 7. Eric Boon chilled Alf James, 7. Chester Rico beat Sammy Adragna, 10. Johnny Cesario defeated Willie Joyce, 10. Jackie Darthard knocked out Johnny Ryan, 8.

Bernard Docusen beat Bobby Yaeger, 10, and Bobby Jones, 10. Charley Early beat Jerry Boisvert, 10, and stopped Al Costa, 8. George LaRover whipped Juste Fontaine, but Fontaine came back to stop Bobby Ruffin, 7. Terry Moore stopped Frankie Grosso, 3. Jimmy Sherrer outscored Ralph Zannelli, 10. Jack Besselman lost to Art Bethea, 8.

Tommy Marra nodded Jimmy McDonough, 8. Robert Billemain defeated Gwyn Williams, 8. George Sands stopped George Delaney, 8. Baby Beau Jack defeated Juan Carrero, 6.

Arthur Danahar whipped Kid Marcel, 8. Cyril Gallie shaded Patsy Giovanelli, 8. Frankie Moore halted Frankie Fernandez, 7. Billy Nixon upset Charlie Williams, 10. Joey Carkido beat Eska Mosley, 8.

Bobby Plant beat Eska Mosley, 8. Tommy Egan drew with Louis Bell, 10. Tommy Ciarlo defeated Frankie Vigeant, 10, and Julie Kogon, 10. Sal Richie beat Phil Burton, 6. Frankie Cordino drew with Bill Dankar, 6.

Howard Bleyhl halted Harvey Dubs, 8. Frankie Wallace defeated Panchito Gonzales, 6. Tony Riccio beat Norman Rubio, 10, and drew with Lou Valles, 10. Mickey Zengara beat Pat Murray, 4. Ronnie Burns drew with Art McKenzie, 6. Jackie Lovatt decisioned Jimmy McLarnin, 8. Pete Lupo kayoed Leon Stanton, 1.

Irving Palefsky outclassed Vince Gambill, 10, then Vince came back to kayo Tony Rios, 10. Davey Cohen whipped Tony Marteliano, 8. Mike DeCosmo outscored Joe Lucignano, 10. Carey Mace stopped Young Sharkey, 6.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Bonnie McCoy, Carshalton, England.
Light-heavyweight—Harold Johnson, Manayunk, Pa.
Middleweight—Paul Holbrook, Huntington, W. Va.
Welterweight—Eddie Thomas, Merthyr, Wales.
Lightweight—Nunzio Carto, Philadelphia, Pa.
Featherweight—Sonny Boy West, Washington, D. C.
Bantamweight—Joe Lukas, Jamaica, New York.
Flyweight—Little Dundee, Manila, P. I.

Al Couture halted Eddie Letourneau, 5, and Eddie was also stopped by Billy Lancaster, 4. Tony Genovese chilled Bill Anderson, 3. Charley Williams beat Johnny Green, 10. Jimmy Green outboxed Baby Beau Jack, 6.

Joe D'Amato outboxed Willie Odom, 6, stopped Fox Williams, 1, and Pat Murray, 2. Billy Woods defeated Willard Johnson, 6. Vince Foster knocked out Joey Pirrone, 1. Ernie Forte whipped Joey Peralta, 10. Nick Mistovich defeated Ross Anzalone, 4. Dave Andrews chilled Mike Konners, 1. Otis Graham shaded McCoy Jones, 6.

Jackie Carr whipped George Hammond, 6. Tommy Burns beat Jimmy Wilson, 6. Eli de Loech stopped Walter Keene, 6. Rickey Long outscored Harry Preston, 6. Billy Struk stopped Pete Lupo, 1. Al LaBarba outpointed Billy Smith, 10. Nick Mistovich nodded Fox Williams, 6, and stopped Leon Sawyer, 5.

Whitey Kozey whipped Sammy Walker, 8. Frankie Feener won over Leo Sawicki, 10. Blackie Noel beat Al Michaud, 8. Cleo Shans defeated Richard Polite, 10. Sid Haber outboxed Kenny Hilton, 6. Billy Dooley whipped Harold Stroud, 4. Sam Santi beat Everett Chapman, 4. Henry Jordon drew with Bobby Pryor, 10.

Bill Tierney decisioned Larry Johnson, 8. Buddy Holderfield defeated Johnny Rowe, 5. Johnny Priest won over Harry Hintlian, 8. Jim Milligan knocked out Willie Murphy, 1. Artie Tedesco drew with Fred Patterson, 6.

Gene Smith chilled Oliver Hamm, 2. Rollie Horne whipped Angel Chavez, 6. Jerry Coursol drew with Rene Cantero, 8. Danny Robinson knocked out Earl Moore, 3. Dom Sinibaldi whipped Rudy Margolin, 10. Danny Boy Williams won from Willie Watkins, 8. Johnny Luz defeated Billy Counts, 6.

Tony Arujo decisioned Pat Doyle, 6. Johnny Williams kayoed Billy Justine, 2. Johnny Noce drew with Vince Scott, 6. Melvin Bartholomew decisioned Joe Brown, 10. Johnny Dabbs halted Gilbert Garcia, 6, and Bill Eddy, 7. Frankie Wallace defeated Charley Talbert, 6.

Paul Allard was stopped by Eddie Richmond, 3. Eddie March chilled Charlie Ashenden, 2. Gene Buffalo kayoed Eddie Weller, 3. Sammy Calabreese shaded Ritchie Bouthwell, 4. Dusty Brown whipped Henry Paz, 6. Paddy Young knocked out Lou Masone, 2.

Johnny Green outscored Henry Jordan, 10. Ted Drew beat Al Michaud, 10. Al Highers won over Jimmy Sanders, 10. George Williams decisioned Jimmy Briscoe, 6. Billy Tordiglione stopped Tommy Reardon, 2.

Willie Wilson beat Fox Williams, 4. Denny McCabe outpointed Pat Murray, 6. Ross Anzalone beat Kenny Hilton, twice in sixes. Sam Santi whipped Everett Chapman, 4. Al Mobley won over Joe Murphy, 8, but lost to Freddie Dawson, 10. Bobby McMillan outpointed Memo Llanes, 10. Allen McCorvey beat Sparky Reynolds, 10. Aubrey Holderfield decisioned Eska Mosley, 6. Buster Beaupre drew with Jasper O'Hanley, 10. Jota Jota Fernandez defeated Ray Spurlock, 10. Del Cockayne stopped Jesse Jackson, 5.

Gene LeBlanc kayoed Luck Lima, 7.

Joey Barnum outscored Eddie Hudson, 10. Terry Lee kayoed Hank Roque, 4. Rollie Horne bested Rene Cantero, 8. Livio Minelli defeated Fist Dever, 8. Aldo Minelli whipped Pete Manchio, 8.

Henry Majcher beat Chango Patino, 6. Richie Orange bested Mario Ramon, 8. Willie Wilson nodded Joe Poccia, 4. Chuck Cooper stopped Joe Murphy, 2. Bobby Lee won over Johnny Williams, 10. Ray Solomon beat Tony Viserto, 6. Billy Turco outpointed Bobby Holt, 4.

Johnny Greco stopped Cleo Shans, 6. Ace Miller outpointed Harry Hart, 10. Tommy Egan whipped Louis Bell, 10.

Howard Bleyhl stopped Buzz Brown, 10. Chester Rico beat Freddie Archer, 10. Buster Tyler defeated Tony Riccio, 10.

Bill Daley won from Sammy Walker, 8. Vince Foster kayoed Sparky Reynolds, 4. Buster Miles beat Billy Parsons, 10. Charley Milan knocked out Santa Bucca, 8. Eddie Smith defeated Joey Peralta, 10.

Lightweight bouts follow:

Bob Montgomery chilled Jesse Flores, 3. Larry Cisneros knocked out Johnny Suarez, 3. Vic Patrick chilled Eddie Marcus, 1. Julie Kogon outpointed Lulu Costantino, 10. Danny Webb decisioned Dave Castilloux, 10. Castilloux kayoed Buster Beaupre, 7.

Maxie Shapiro defeated Humberto Zavala, 10. Eddie Giosa whipped Lulu Costantino, 8. Santa Bucca outpointed Vince Dell 'Orto, 8. Doug Ratford upset Freddy Dawson, 10.

Bobby Ruffin kayoed Pat Demers, 3, and beat Charley Noel. Bobby was then stopped by Juste Fontaine, 7. Johnny Priest stopped Jimmy Neal, 5. Billy Thompson won over Andre Famechon, 8. Rudy Cruz beat Vic Grupico, 10. Tony Mar stopped Nick Moran, 2. Walter Cabey Lewis halted Garvey Young, 4.

Jimmy Warren upset Leo Milito, 8, and stopped Carmine Fatta, 2. Milito came back to whip Harry Diduck, 8. Joey Angelo decisioned Patsy Brandino, 10. Stan Hawthorne stopped George Daly, 4. Jackie Harris outscored Oliver Desmarais, 10. Tommy Campbell defeated Talmadge Bussey, 8, but was stopped by Roman Alvarez, 6.

Willie Beltram defeated Al Guido, 10. Charley Cabey Lewis whipped Florient Desmarais, 10.

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IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

SINCE we have been following the leather pushing industry around these parts for the past 30 years, along with writing this column for THE RING when most of our readers were still in the teen-age stage, we have come to the conclusion that it is about time to legalize the boxing sport in Iowa. Let us hear from Iowa fans, and those connected with the sport who have any ideas.

Ottumwa, Ia.—Corpus Christi collected 17 points to win the national naval training command boxing tournament at the Iowa Pre-Flight school here; H. Schillizzi, of Jacksonville, outpointed Olivio Valintino, Pensacola, in the 125-pound class; M. Hernandez, Jacksonville, outpointed D. Roach, Pensacola, in the 130-pound class; Nelson, Corpus Christi, scored over Bright, Pensacola, at 135 pounds; Fisher, Jacksonville, outpointed Decore, Jacksonville, at 145 pounds; Wilson, Pensacola, won by a T.K.O. over Girvin, Memphis, in the first round, at 155 pounds; Cox, Corpus Christi, beat Passman, Memphis, at 165 pounds; Quigley, Memphis, beat Satterlee, Jacksonville, in the 175 pounds class; Napier, Corpus Christi, beat Davis, Jacksonville, in the heavyweight class.

Sioux City, Ia.—E. Quillen Hoberg, A. A. U. commissioner for the Sioux City district, has been appointed inspector of athletics for northeastern Nebraska state department of health. In his capacity as inspector Mr. Hoberg will represent the state at all professional and amateur boxing and wrestling shows in the northeast section of the state and will be charged with seeing that all state regulations are complied with.

Last Minute Sparks—The "Mid-West Boxing Annual" which we are working on is still in the compiling stage, and when same is ready for release we will inform everyone by card or letter, and through the usual advertising channels. . . . If you have news for this column please mail same to me at 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Ia. Our phone number is 86849. . . . News must be in our hands by the sixth of each month. . . . Bob Burns, former Sioux City boxing great, is the table tennis champion of Sioux City. . . . Amon H. Miller, former Spencer, Ia., boxing promoter, and well known to veteran boxers and boxing fans, is living in Evansville, Ind., where he is a masseur. . . . Del Cockayne, of Des Moines, holds the welterweight title of Iowa. . . . Morton Graves, also of Des Moines, is rated as the lightweight champion. . . . Members of the Sioux City American Legion boxing team were honored at a dinner with Les Stinton, Post Commander, giving a short talk. . . . The House of Salerno fight stables, of Omaha, with Tony Salerno, Louie Salerno and Paul Hernandez as tutors, are grooming a dandy amateur boxing start in lightweight Howard Walling. . . . Albert Walker, Sioux City Golden Gloves welterweight champion, has joined the professional ranks. . . . Frankie Schmitz of Sioux City, fighting in the welterweight class, was a victim of a first round kayo at Kansas City in the National A. A. U. junior boxing tourney. . . . Al Sitzman, Sioux City featherweight, also went down to defeat in the same meet. . . . along with Ralph Hawkinson, heavyweight from Sioux City. . . . Nick Lamberto, sports writer on the Sioux City *Journal-Tribune*, has an interesting column called "Sports Splinters". . . . Jesse Jackson, Sioux City welterweight, stopped Jimmy Mata of Minneapolis in 46 seconds of the first round at Des Moines. . . . A busy sextet of Sioux City boxing officials are Ty Dillon, Harry Gibbons, Earl McArthur, "Lefty" Barnes, Glen Beaubien, and Bob Burns. . . . Bob Morley, former Sioux City amateur champion, has also been busy as a judge and third man on out-of-town cards.

Omaha, Neb.—Bob Hielman of Kansas City knocked out Sam Williams of Omaha, in the third round of the 147 pounds finals to provide the feature bout of the regional A.A.U. boxing tournament here. Williams downed Hielman for a count of nine in the second round, but a half minute later Hielman had Williams down.

Wayne, Neb.—One clean kayo and another of the T.K.O. variety put action in an 11-bout amateur boxing show staged here before a record crowd of fans. Jack Walding of Sioux City scored the only clean knockout by flattening Dixie Blackbird of Winnebago in the first round. Each weighed in at 160.

Herman Parker, 150, Winnebago, took a technical knockout over Marcis Tyndall, 157, of Macy.

The feature bout of the evening pitted James Daniels of Sioux City against James Bartlett of Winnebago, the Omaha Golden Gloves welterweight champion. Daniels, with a 154- to 145-pound weight advantage, earned a split decision in a close scrap.

Boone, Ia.—Rex N. Hall sends us the results of a boxing card staged under the direction of the American Legion: Amateur boxers from Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Fort Dodge, and Webster City competed. Jackie Cummings, Boone middleweight, scored an upset when he defeated Don Twachman, of Cedar Rapids; Melvin Hitsman lost a decision to Dick Witt, of Des Moines; S. McCarville, 145, Fort Dodge, scored a T.K.O. over Dale Sigler, 150, of Boone; Pete Salvatore, 160, Fort Dodge, beat Clyde Jones, 160, of Boone; Lyle Helshall, 145, Webster City, won over Billy Holm, of Boone; Tommy Thompson, 131, Des Moines, beat Fred Salvatore, 135, of Fort Dodge; Lee Uballe, 147, Boone, beat Eddie Howard, 147, Fort Dodge. The card drew a large crowd.

Omaha, Neb.—Vince Foster chalked up his 12th professional win and scored his 8th knockout to maintain his perfect record since joining the professional ranks. It was the veteran Joey Pirrone, 143, of Cleveland, who came to Omaha to try his luck against the former Mid-West Golden Gloves welterweight champion. 2,700 fans paid $5,395.25 to see Foster stop Pirrone in 2:40 of the first round. It was a solid right hand that sent Pirrone sailing through the air, lifting him up off the canvas and then dropping him for keeps. Ten seconds later Pirrone was still flat on his back after Referee Alex Fidler had tolled off the fatal ten count.

Foster was rated as the Welterweight Prospect of the Month in the April issue of THE RING. Foster weighed in at 145½.

Billy Cornwall, 132, Des Moines, maintained his perfect record in the Omaha roped arena by stopping Pete Vigil, 134, Denver, in 1:33 of the third round. The classy sharp-shooter dropped Vigil to the canvas four times before the referee stepped in and called a halt.

In the special event, Jimmy Howard, 192, Washington, D. C., knocked out Chief Choate, 212, Blackwell, Oklahoma, in 2:36 of the third round. Howard floored the big Indian in the second round and then finished the slaughter in the third.

Joe Danos, 148, Denver, pleased his gallery of Omaha rooters by chilling the hard-punching Jesse Jackson, 146, Sioux City, Iowa, in 1:31 of the second round. The fans love the willing mixer who likes it best when the going gets tough.

Morton Graves, 130½, Des Moines, was too rugged for Paddy O'Leary, 130, Denver, and took a four-round decision.

Orville Bitney, 152, Omaha, scored his second kayo in as many starts by scoring a T.K.O. over Art Arbuckle, 149, Omaha, in 2:12 of the third round. The professional ranks gained Bitney from the recent Golden Gloves tourney. He is managed by Tuck Shadden, former professional boxer.

Wayne, Neb.—Staunch supporters of the boxing sport here, include such men as Dr. Walter Benthack, Dr. Coe, Fred Dale, Ralph Sellhorn, Don B. Emery and Wade Miller. All have assisted in recent tourneys staged here.

Des Moines, Ia.—Bobby Carew, Cedar Rapids, former Golden Gloves featherweight titleholder, launched his professional debut by scoring a T.K.O. over Stan Novak of Council Bluffs in the fourth round. Bobby Anderson, formerly of Washington, Ia., now of Des Moines and former state lightweight king, fighting as a welterweight, put the skids under Al Walker, a former Sioux City Golden Gloves champion, when he scored a four-round decision over the Sioux Cityan. It was Walker's first professional fight.

Mitchell, S. D.—Interest in the South Dakota state amateur boxing tournament reached an all time high, with entries from all sections of the state. The tourney was under the sponsorship of the United Commercial Travelers' Boxing Club. W. L. C. Ryberg of Mitchell is business manager and director of the tourney.

Des Moines, Ia.—Del Cockayne, 140, Des Moines, stopped Jesse Jackson, 142½, of Sioux City by a T.K.O. in five rounds; Morton Graves, 132, Des Moines, won over Bill Cornwell, 130, Des Moines, in 8 rounds; Diego Hidalgo, 144, Burlington, scored a T.K.O. over Bobby Duncan, 140, of Sioux City, in 3 rounds.

Sioux City, Ia.—Future fistic greats of tomorrow showed their boxing wares in the annual grade school boxing tournament, sponsored by the Catholic schools of Sioux City. The St. Joseph's boxing aggregation which was the winner consisted of Jackie Moran, Henry Grillet, Charles Wiggs, Gene Miller, Frank Cole, Jimmy Weidenfeller, and Ed Walding. Rev. Edward J. Hoffman is manager of the team and Pat Moran, coach.

Wayne, Neb.—Special to THE RING Correspondent: Young Wally Heaton, South Sioux City boxer, took his second kayo victory of the Nebraska college invitational tourney in the finals at the Wayne college gym, helping his Wayne teammates to win a total of 40 points for first place in the event. Peru Teachers scored 14 points to win second place in the tourney, and other conference schools placed in the following order: York, 7; Midland, 7; Kearney Teachers, 4, and Hastings, 1.

Sioux City, Ia.—John O'Donnell, sports editor of the Davenport *Democrat*, who was voted Davenport's outstanding citizen in 1946, was the principal speaker at the Greater Sioux City Athletic Association banquet. O'Donnell is well known to lose followers of the boxing sport, has officiated in Golden Gloves tournaments and collegiate boxing matches for the past 15 years.

Omaha, Neb.—The 3,072 boxing fans who chipped in $6,226.75 and packed Omaha's ancient fistic palace to see Tex Boddie battle Kid Rivera in the main event, saw the St. Louis night club bouncer kayo Boddie in 2:41 of the sixth round, with a series-of right hand smashes to the jaw. It was the second consecutive knockout that Boddie suffered and he has definitely been knocked from the top of the Omaha fistic ladder to the lower rung. Rivera had floored Boddie earlier in the sixth round but Boddie was game and came up fighting.

Rivera is Jimmy Williams who used to fight out of Chicago. Rivera weighed in at 2:15 and Boddie at 194.

In the scheduled six-round semi-windup, Billy Cornwall, 130, of Des Moines, took a three-round knockout over Norman Macstri, 129, St. Paul, Minn. Macstri couldn't come out for the third round because of a cut eye. The classy Iowan remains undefeated in the Omaha rings but ran into a ring wise, willing puncher in Macstri. A return match will probably be on schedule when the optic is healed.

Jimmy Bull, 155, St. Louis, won a six-round decision from Omaha's Joey Hartfield, 162. Jimmy staggered Hartfield several times with his rigid punching. Hartfield opened up in the final round and cut Bull's left eye but the St. Louis boy won the nod. . . . In the preliminaries, Joe Danos, 150, Denver, a well liked boxer by the Omaha fans, knocked Dick Satterfield, 152, Indianapolis, clear out of the ring to win by a knockout in 56 seconds of the second round. A hard right dropped Mr. Satterfield across the number two strand of the ring, he balanced there crazily for a couple of seconds and fell to the floor outside the ring and was climbing to his feet when the referee tolled off the final count. From the opening bell it was apparent that Satterfield had no business whatsoever in the same ring with the willing puncher from the Mile High City. . . . Paul Martinez, 120, Omaha, knocked out Bob Brannan, 115, St. Paul, Minn., in 54 seconds of the second round. It was a smashing right flush on the button that chilled the St. Paul boxer. . . . Speedy Moore, 139, Omaha, who is known as the "Clown Prince of the Omaha fight realm", went serious and knocked out Jackie O'Brien, 131, St. Louis, in 2:47 of the first round.

DENVER AND VICINITY

By W. G. (BILL) THOMAS, JR.

FOSTER CAMPBELL, 158, won the Colorado middleweight championship when he flattened Sammy Calabrese in the fifth round at the Stockyard Stadium on March 14. Campbell had a comfortable lead on points when he uncorked the kayo wallop.

In the six-round semi, Gene Buffalo clowned and slapped his way to a win over Jose Martinez, Wichita Mexican.

Other Results—Ray Young, Kansas City middleweight, decisioned Reecy Davis in six rounds. Wayne Strowbridge decisioned Jimmy Alvarado in six rounds. Louis Ruybalid decisioned the Ace of Spades in four rounds. Hollywood Martin decisioned Louis Martinez in four rounds.

Pete Albright, promoter of the Campbell-Calabrese bout, presented his second pro show of the month at the Rollardrome Arena.

In the feature, Gene Buffalo, 155, Negro, slapped his way to a one-sided victory over Eddie Weller, Oklahoma City Indian. The bout was halted in the third round after Weller had visited the deck several times. Sammy Calabrese won a close decision over Richie Bathwell in the semi-windup.

Corky Gonzales, classy Denver Amateur bantamweight, ran into trouble in the Chicago Tournament of Champions. In the semi-finals he dropped a close decision to Robert Bell, but was picked for the alternate spot in the Chicago team against New York. Corky was stopped by Edward Posey, New York Negro, in the second round. Gonzales still has plenty on the ball and should go places.

Joe Danos, Denver southpaw welterweight, kept in the winning column. Danos scored three knockouts during the month. Dick Satterfield and Jesse James Jackson each heard the count of ten in the second round in Omaha and Wally Rogers folded up in the sixth round in Saint Louis. Denver fight fans would like to see "Mr. Danos" in action.

Three Denver fighters won titles in the regional tournament in Omaha. Corky Gonzales won the 118 lb. class, Art Irlando copped the 126 lb. title, and Shag Hirada took the 135 lb. championship. All winners in Omaha will fight in the national A.A.U. tournament in Boston.

Wyoming now has a boxing commission. Tommy Edwards, Navy Veteran, has been issued a license and will promote in Cheyenne. His first show, scheduled for April 18, will feature Mustang Garcia against Bobby Polowitzer.

Dell Hanlon, former St. Paul lightweight, who fought some of the best lightweights in 1909-1920, is doing a great job training and handling the boxers in Canon City, Colorado.

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Feb. 10—Marty Canole, Bethlehem, Pa...K.O. 3
Feb. 16—Joe Rex, Easton, Pa.....K.O. 1
Mar. 5—Kid Raymond, Allentown, Pa...N.D. 6
Mar. 7—H. Reckstine, Bethlehem, Pa...N.D. 6
Apr. 9—Jimmy Storms, Allentown, Pa..N.D. 6
Apr. 28—Kid Broad, Bethlehem, Pa...K.O. by 1
Oct. 1—Kid Raymond, Allentown, Pa...K.O. 1
Oct. 29—Joe Dailey, Allentown, Pa.....K.O. 1
Oct. 29—Kid Holland, Allentown, Pa.....K.O. 3
Nov. 15—Kid Holland, Allentown, Pa.....K.O. 4
Dec. 25—Pat Biddle, Allentown, Pa.....K.O. 3

1915

Jan. 1—Young Neil, Allentown, Pa.....N.D. 10
Jan. 28—Jackie Clark, Allentown, Pa..K.O. by 2
Apr. 17—Pete Malone, Philadelphia.....N.D. 6
Apr. 24—Pete Malone, Philadelphia.....K.O. 4
Apr. 29—Kid Raymond, Allentown, Pa...N.D. 6
May 10—Freddy Kelley, Philadelphia....N.D. 6
May 24—Terry Martin, Philadelphia.....N.D. 6
June 7—Terry Martin, Philadelphia.....N.D. 6
—W. Thompson, Allentown, Pa..K.O. 1
—Mick Hartigan, Bethlehem, Pa..N.D. 6
—Sammy Trinkle, Philadelphia..N.D. 6
—Tom Coleman, Allentown, Pa...K.O. 4
—Kid Raymond, Allentown, Pa...N.D. 10
Nov. 25—Kid Alberts, Allentown, Pa....N.D. 10

1916

Feb. 15—Eddie Revoire, Bethlehem, Pa...N.D. 10
Mar. 21—Eddie Revoire, Bethlehem, Pa...N.D. 10
Apr. 1—K.O. Brennan, Bethlehem, Pa...N.D. 10
May 5—Yg. Jack O'Brien, Beth'm, Pa..N.D. 10
June 2—Jimmy Frier, Bethlehem, Pa....K.O. 5
June 9—Steve Latzo, Bethlehem, Pa.....N.D. 10
Oct. 10—Eddie Revoire, Bethlehem, Pa..N.D. 10
Nov. 14—Tom Coleman, Bethlehem, Pa...N.D. 10
Nov. 17—Willie Moore, Philadelphia.....K.O. 4
Dec. 25—Al Dewey, Bethlehem, Pa.....N.D. 10

1917

Jan. 1—Jimmy O'Brien, Bethlehem, Pa..K.O. 1
Jan. 8—Henry Hauber, Philadelphia....N.D. 6
—Eddie Moy, Bethlehem, Pa....Exhib. 6
Jan. 31—Frank Laughrey, Pottsville, Pa..K.O. 8
Feb. 12—George Lewis, Philadelphia.....N.D. 6
Feb. 24—Art Magirl, Philadelphia.....N.D. 6
Mar. 6—Kid Sheeler, Bethlehem, Pa.....K.O. 5
Mar. 20—Jimmy Tighe, Bethlehem, Pa....K.O. 4
Mar. 29—Battling Kopin, Pottsville, Pa...N.D. 10
Apr. 9—George Chip, Philadelphia.....N.D. 6
June 7—Dave Kurtz, Allentown, Pa.....N.D. 10
July 4—Jack McCarron, Allent'n, Pa..K.O. by 8
July 19—K.O. Jaffee, Allentown, Pa.....K.O. 6
—Johnny Alex, Bethlehem, Pa..Exhib. 6
Aug. 2—Battling Kopin, Allentown, Pa..N.D. 10
Aug. 17—Marty Smith, Bethlehem, Pa....K.O. 2
Aug. 21—Sailor Maher, Bethlehem, Pa....K.O. 4
Sept. 4—Terry Martin, Bethlehem, Pa...K.O. 8
Sept. 13—Silent Martin, Brooklyn.....W.F. 4
Sept. 21—Jack Coyne, Tamaqua, Pa.....K.O. 3
Oct. 2—Frank Carbone, Bethlehem, Pa..N.D. 10
Oct. 4—Mike O'Dowd, Brooklyn.....K.O. by 2
Oct. 24—Jack Coyne, Bethlehem, Pa.....N.D. 10
Nov. 22—Yg. Battling Nelson, Allent'n..N.D. 10
Dec. 4—Jack Coyne, Reading, Pa.....K.O. 4
Dec. 10—Leo Houck, Lancaster, Pa.....N.D. 6
Dec. 25—Jack McCarron, Allentown, Pa..N.D. 10

1918

Jan. 17—Johnny Wolgast, Allent'n, Pa...K.O. 3
Jan. 26—Frank Carbone, Philadelphia...N.D. 6
Feb. 21—Italian Joe Gans, Allent'n, Pa..N.D. 10
Apr. 8—Ralph Scheppart, Hazelton, Pa..N.D. 10
Apr. 16—Whitey Wentzell, Beth'm, Pa...K.O. 7
Apr. 19—Chuck Wiggins, Bethlehem, Pa..N.D. 10
May 27—Chuck Wiggins, Philadelphia...N.D. 6
June 21—Frank Carbone, Pennsgrove, Pa..N.D. 8
July 11—Jack Britton, Atlantic City.....N.D. 8
Dec. 14—Soldier Bartfield, Philadelphia..N.D. 6
Dec. 16—Tommy Robson, Boston.....L.F. 5

1919

Jan. 14—Young Evans, Bethlehem, Pa...K.O. 3
Jan. 29—Bryan Downey, Tulsa, Okla.....W. 15
Feb. 10—Johnny Wolgast, Lancaster, Pa..N.D. 6
Feb. 11—Cyclone Scott, Bethlehem, Pa...K.O. 2
Feb. 17—Bryan Downey, Tulsa, Okla.....D. 15
Mar. 13—Tom Ferguson, Scranton, Pa...N.D. 10
Apr. 14—Yg. Leonard, Wilkes-Barre, Pa..K.O. 4
May 16—Joe Egan, Milwaukee.....W. 10
May 20—Marty Cross, Wilkes-Barre, Pa..N.D. 10
May 26—Bryan Downey, Canton.....W. 10
June 2—K.O. Celmars, Tulsa.....K.O. 10
July 2—Bryan Downey, Columbus, O.....L. 15
July 22—George Chip, Buffalo.....N.D. 10
Aug. 7—Len Rowlands, Atlantic City...N.D. 8
Aug. 12—Marty Cross, Scranton, Pa.....N.D. 10
Aug. 18—Eugene Brosseau, Montreal.....L. 6
Sept. 22—Jock Malone, Tulsa.....K.O. 6
Sept. 26—Bryan Downey, Dayton, O.....D. 15
Oct. 11—Ted (Kid) Lewis, Portl'd, Me..K.O. by 1
Oct. 15—Johnny Griffiths, Detroit.....W. 10
Nov. 7—Cyclone Scott, Baltimore.....K.O. 6
Nov. 12—Frank Carbone, Allent'n, Pa..K.O. by 3
Dec. 29—Frank Maguire, Williamsp't, Pa..N.D. 6
Dec. 30—Johnny Gill, York, Pa.....N.D. 6

1920

Jan. 1—Billy Kramer, Philadelphia....N.D. 6
Jan. 8—Navy Rostan, Wheeling, W. Va...W. 10
Jan. 20—Johnny McLaughlin, York, Pa..N.D. 6
Jan. 22—R. Scheppart, Williamsp't, Pa..N.D. 6
Feb. 20—Paul Breviers, Paris, France...K.O. 4
June 7—Johnny Griffiths, Philadelphia..N.D. 8
Aug. 7—Johnny Tillman, Dayton, O.....W. 10
Sept. 10—Benny Leonard, Camden....K.O. by 9
Sept. 29—Johnny McLaughlin, Camden...K.O. 5
Oct. 7—Navy Rostan, Tulsa.....W. 12
Oct. 18—Steve Latzo, Philadelphia.....N.D. 8
Oct. 22—George Ward, New York City...N.D. 10
Nov. 12—Benny Leonard, Camden.....N.D. 10
Nov. 25—Johnny Summers, Philadelphia..N.D. 8
Dec. 3—Yorkville Billy Papke, N.Y.C...K.O. 8
Dec. 6—Mike Paulson, Reading, Pa.....K.O. 4
Dec. 29—Marcel Thomas, Hartford, Conn..W. 10

1921

Jan. 10—Tommy McFarland, Boston.....K.O. 4
Jan. 18—Young Neil, Allentown, Pa.....N.D. 10
Jan. 24—Ed Mullaney, Rittersville, Pa...K.O. 6
Feb. 1—Mike Paulson, Harrisburg, Pa..N.D. 10
Feb. 3—Marty Cross, Hartford, Conn..No Contest
Feb. 4—Eddie Bratton, Worcester, Mass..K.O. 3
Feb. 5—Joe Jackson, Philadelphia.....N.D. 8
Feb. 25—Marcel Thomas, Worcester.....K.O. 6
Apr. 9—Al Miller, Philadelphia.....K.O. 3
Apr. 19—Ralph Scheppart, Allent'n, Pa..N.D. 10
Apr. 25—Paul Doyle, Boston.....K.O. by 3
Apr. 28—Johnny Gill, Harrisburg, Pa....N.D. 10
June 6—Billy Ryan, Cincinnati.....W. 10
July 4—Johnny Gill, Harrisburg, Pa....N.D. 10
Aug. 6—George Ward, Newark.....W. 12
Aug. 10—Jack Perry, Youngstown, O....W.F. 7
Sept. 15—Johnny Reilly, Wilkes-Barre...N.D. 10
Oct. 20—Al Norton, New York City...K.O. by 2
Oct. 28—Steve Latzo, Wilkes-Barre.....N.D. 10

1922

Jan. 3—Billy Kaplan, Jersey City.....W. 12
Jan. 27—Bobbie Jones, Youngstown, O....W. 12
Feb. 20—Ralph Scheppart, Troy, N. Y.....W. 12
Feb. 22—Jack Perry, Providence, R. I.....D. 12
Mar. 13—Ralph Scheppart, Troy, N. Y.....W. 12
Oct. 4—Bart Schneider, Montreal.....W. 12
Oct. 20—Tommy Billiard, Rittersville, Pa..W. 10
Oct. 30—Young Denny, New Orleans..K.O. by 12
Nov. 13—Sailor Friedman, Philadelphia..K.O. 4
Dec. 5—Cowboy Padgett, Tulsa.....K.O. by 4

1923

Mar. 28—Johnny Gill, York, Pa.....W. 10
June 4—Jimmy Slattery, Buffalo.....K.O. by 1
Dec. 11—Eddie Barnbrook, Virginia...K.O. by 2

Record Book Corrections

In Nat Fleischer's 1947 Record Book make the following corrections:

On Page 119 in record of Dave Clark, eliminate the years 1936 to 1940 inclusive as they belong to Dave Clark the former light-heavyweight who retired in 1940. The rest of the record belongs to Dave Clark, Cincinnati middleweight.

In 1946 listing change name in line starting Dec. 6, from Casey Jones to Benny McCombs.

On Page 484 in record of Freddie Schott, Dec. 20, 1943, make result in bout with John Thomas at Newark read W 6, instead of K.O. 4.

On Page 528 in record of John Thomas, Dec. 20, 1943, in bout with Freddie Schott, Newark, change result to read, Lost 6, instead of K.O. by 4.

Page 82 in record of Art Brown make line which starts Sept. 17 read—Sept. 17, Charley Parham, Milwaukee, L 10.

On Page 250, on top of first column, above the year 1946, place the name—"Leroy Haynes, New York City, welterweight." This record does not belong to the veteran heavyweight, Leroy Haynes, who is retired.

On Page 363, in record of Tony Masciarelli, add the following:
Dec. 2—Frank Ferretti, New York—K.O. 1.
Dec. 9—Munay Anka, New York—W 4.
Dec. 23—Harold Strand, New York—W 4.
Dec. 30—Teddy Wilson, New York—K.O. 1.

In record of Billy Nelson, Page 397, add: Nov. 4—Guillermo Rizzo, Holyoke—K.O. 2.

In record of Johnny Pitts, Page 429, add: 1946—May 13—Dennis McCabe, New Britain—K.O. by 1.

On Page 468, in record of Johnny Rowe: change Jersey City, N. J., to Rochester, N. Y. Also delete record of first fight in 1946 (Willie Marcus).

In record of Lou Sulliveras, Page 518—add: Nov. 1—Dennis McCabe, Danbury—L 6.

In record of Johnny Willard, Page 558—Add: 1946—Dec. 5—Leon Szyminski, Ludlow, Mass.—K.O. by 3.

On Page 567, in record of Teddy Wilson, add the following: Feb. 14—Earl Crandshaw, Orange, N. J.—K.O. 2.

March 21—Roland Norman, Orange, N. J.—K.O. by 2.

Sept. 3—Al Maggi, Long Island City—K.O. by 1.

On Page 505, in record of Nate Smith, add: 1946—April 2—Charley Daniels, Youngstown, L 4.

On Page 135, in record of Jerry Coursol, change to read: June 28, 1944, Tony Janiro, Elizabeth, L 6.

In record of Charley Daniels, Page 142, add: 1946—April 2—Nate Smith, Youngstown, W 4.

In record of Morris Elliott, Page 175, add: April 17—Dennis McCabe, Stamford, L 6.

In record of Vincent Foster, Page 199—change as follows: 1946—Dec. 30—Harold Alle, Omaha—W 6.

In record of Joey Hatfield, Page 247, eliminate the entire listing because that record is the same as that of Joey Hartfield (correct name), on Page 245.

In record of Spider Hatcher, Page 247, add: 1946—April 4—Eugene Davis, Atlantic City, W 6.

In Joe Holmes's record, Page 258, add: 1946—Dec. 5—Allie Wolf, Ludlow, Mass.—W 6.

In record of Danny Ruggiero, Page 470—1946—Feb. 18—Dennis McCabe, Stamford, L 4.

In record of McCoy Jones, Page 286, add: 1946—April 21—Doug Carter, Orange, N. J., L 6.

In record of Dennjs McCabe, Page 340, add: 1946—April 15—Lou Sulliveras, New Britain—K.O. 3.

In Ralph McNeil's record, Page 346, add: 1946—Dec. 5—Nacho Martinez, Ludlow, Mass., K.O. 3.

Page 362, in record of Joey Martinez, Wichita, Kans., in 1946 eliminate Aug. 10, Clayton Johnson, Lincoln, K.O. by 3.
This belongs to Omaha Joey Martinez, a featherweight.

Page 468, in record of Johnny Rowe, eliminate the line: Jan. 7—Willie Marcus, New Britain—K.O. by 2. They never fought.

Page 357, in record of Willie (Billy) Marcus, 1946, eliminate the line: Jan. 7—Johnny Rowe, New Britain—K.O. 2.

Page 476, in record of Jess Jesus Salazar, 1946, eliminate: Feb. 26—Howard Jackson, Kansas City—L 6. Aug. 12—Paul Martinez, Omaha—L 4.

BILL WILSON, Charlotte, N. C., heavyweight. Age 23. Manager, W. P. Stoudt.

1943

Jan. 7—Jim Bowden, Wilmington, N. C..K.O. 7
Jan. 19—Norman Foresight, Wil., N. C..K.O. 2
Mar. 26—Johnny Grogan, Wil., N. C....K.O. 1
Apr. 8—Jim Bowden, Wil., N. C.....K.O. 7
Apr. 15—Buddy Scott, Wil., N. C.....Lost 10
Apr. 24—Joe Rennerie, Wil., N. C.....K.O. 7
June 3—Rodeo Doodle, Wil., N. C.....K.O. 1
June 10—George Echman, Wil., N. C.....Won 10
June 21—Eddie Mader, Wil., N. C.....Draw 10
Sept. 10—Eddie Mader, Wil., N. C.....K.O. 3
Oct. 15—Ching Johnson, Charlotte, N.C..K.O. 4
Joined U.S. Navy in 1944.
Engaged in a fight with George Fitch, of Connecticut and won a 10-round decision in the South Pacific.

1945

Jan. 17—Jim Bowden, Jacksonville.....K.O. 6
Mar. 6—Henry Venzuela, Jacksonville..K.O. 6
Mar. 16—Jim Bowden, Jacksonville.....K.O. 6
Mar. 28—Jim Bowden, Jacksonville.....K.O. 4
May 9—Joe Rennerie, Jacksonville.....K.O. 1
May 20—Eddie Mader, Jacksonville.....K.O. 4
May 28—Buddy Scott, Jacksonville...K.O. by 9 (stopped by referee)
Aug. 4—Buddy Scott, Jacksonville....L Dec. 10
Aug. 20—Al Williams, Norfolk.....K.O. 4
Oct. 8—Mike Endrick, Norfolk.....K.O. 1
Nov. 10—Whitie Clark, Baltimore.....K.O. 1

1946

Apr. 5—K.O. Garvin, Charlotte, N. C...K.O. 7
June 17—Carlisle Thompson, Charlotte..K.O. 4
July 24—George Brackie, Charlotte.....K.O. 6
Sept. 6—Larry Crawford, Charlotte....K.O. 2
Sept. 18—Jim Schwemmer, Charlotte.....Won 8
Oct. 16—Johnny Ditto, Charlotte.....K.O. 2
Nov. 8—Jim Schwemmer, Charlotte....Won 10
Dec. 23—George Bensik, Charlotte.....K.O. 4

In record of Pat Franco, page 201, change as follows: 1946—February 28, Patsy Zoccano, Highland Park, W 6.

In record of Johnny Green of Buffalo, page 233, 1946—Eliminate the entire record as the 1946 listing belongs to Johnny Green, Morristown, N. J., welterweight and not to the Buffalo fighter.

On page 664, in Managers' and Promoters' Directory, change address of Willie Gilzenberg to 695 South Orange St., instead of South Warren St.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

SOMETHING definite probably will have been announced by the time this breathless document appears in print, but at the moment of writing Tony Zale's able managerial combination of Sam Pian and Art Winch is having a merry time playing "Eenie, Meenie, Meinie—" but unable to decide whether "Moe" is Rocky Graziano or Marcel Cerdan.

If the fervent hopes of the Messrs. Pian and Winch could materialize into fact, Zale, ruler of the middleweight roost, would be in for two lucrative shots this summer. He would tangle with Graziano in June, and, if still champion, come back with Cerdan in September.

But existing circumstances, unhappily, make a decidedly remote possibility of Graziano being available for a June date. Rockabye Rocky happens to be persona non grata with the powers that be in New York, with no immediate prospects of being restored to good standing in time for him to appear in a midsummer night's dream here.

There has been much talk of the match going to Chicago, but it is doubtful if any of the parties concerned would seriously consider any spot for the match but New York; not merely because it belongs here, but because of various other factors involved.

Zale wants to defend his title in June, and with Graziano unavailable, the Twentieth Century Sporting Club has offered him Cerdan at the Yankee Stadium. The Messrs. Pian and Winch, requesting time to think it over, have promised a definite decision not later than May 1.

The odds, at this point of proceedings, are that Zale will accept the match with Cerdan.

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THE desire of Pian and Winch for Zale to take on Graziano first, and come back later with Cerdan, is easily understandable even to the most casual observer. They figure the dangerous but crude Rocky would not represent so formidable a problem as the French-Moroccan.

And they're right. Cerdan is just about the most accomplished all-around performer now in the business. He has speed, ruggedness and stamina, he can box, he can punch, and his flexible style of operations can be adapted to any occasion and any opponent's tactics.

Cerdan sports one of the most remarkable records in recent ring annals. His outing with Harold Green in Madison Square Garden was Marcel's one hundredth ring battle, spread across twelve years of active campaigning. He claims never to have been knocked off his feet, and actually has never been beaten. The two defeats in his record were via disqualifications. He lost to Harry Craster in London and Victor Buttin in Algiers. Subsequently, he knocked Buttin out in France.

It has been a long time since the Garden clientele has seen a more polished, workmanlike job than the one Cerdan turned in against Green. Marcel used the first round to size up his opponent, then went to work in earnest in the second. Realizing Green was susceptible to right hands, he concentrated on his starboard delivery, quickly found the range, and once he had the Brooklynite in distress, he finished his stint with the finesse of the ring artisan he is.

Cerdan is one fighter who knows his trade. He is a real mechanic in an era of unskilled labor. So far as the middleweight situation is concerned, it should be permissible at this point to say Marcel has all the answers—from A (Abrams) to Z (Zale).

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THE circus may have pushed boxing out of the Garden until mid-May, but there's no lack of action in metropolitan rings these nights. With the debut of a brand-new club, Sunnyside Garden in Long Island City, and the reopening of the Forum Arena in the Bronx, there are no less than eleven sluggeries operating weekly within a radius of twenty-five miles of Times Square. . . . That's a swell job cartoonist-writer Ted Carroll has done with his pictorial life stories of Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis. Just off the press, the book sells for one dollar, and it would be a bargain at triple the price. . . . Recuperating from a long siege of illness, Jimmy Slattery, Buffalo's one-time Beau Ideal, wouldn't mind hearing occasionally from some of the old gang. Jimmy can be reached at the McArthur Hotel in Tucson, Arizona. . . . A recent visitor to THE RING offices was Frank Gilleece, Kansas boxing commissioner.

Andy Neidereitter, who did an excellent job of filling in for Billy McCarney when the Old Professor was unable to make the recent tour of Latin-America with the Joe Louis troupe, reports our Spanish-speaking neighbors have become rabid fight fans but the promoters still have a lot to learn about the business before the sport cashes in fully on its tremendous possibilities. . . . Sam Becker, enterprising Cincinnati promoter, has upped his bid to $75,000 for Gus Lesnevich to defend the light-heavy title against Ezzard Charles in Crossley Field this summer. The champ's manager, Joe Vella, has tabled the offer until he returns from England, whither he ambled to catch the Woodcock-Baksi affair, and to discuss a possible return match between Lesnevich and Freddie Mills.

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RAY ROBINSON is considering a jaunt to France, after his May 16 meeting with Georgie Abrams in the Garden and May 30 welter title affair with Jimmy Doyle in Cleveland. Possible opponents for Sugar Ray in Paris are Robert Charron and Jean Walzack. . . . With seven victories chalked up so far in 1947, the latest over Sam Baroudi at the St. Nick Arena, Bert Lytell, busy Fresno southpaw, is tossing lusty defies in the direction of Jake LaMotta. "LaMotta doesn't have to fight welters to keep in action," says Lytell's manager, Sammy Aaronson. "Bert is one middleweight who'll gladly accommodate him anywhere, any time." Sammy flashes newspaper clippings showing LaMotta was lucky to cop a decision over Lytell in Boston two years ago. "It was a rank verdict," insists Aaronson. "Bert was only a kid at the time, yet he spotted Jake seven pounds, and these clippings prove he actually won."

For the annual defense of his world flyweight title, Jackie Paterson has dodged his three leading European rivals, Rinty Monaghan of Ireland, Emile Famechon of France and Raoul Degryse of Belgium, to take on Dado Marino, the Hawaiian-Filipino. The bout is set for June 11 in Paterson's native Glasgow. The Oriental Boxing Promoters Association of Manila was angling for the scrap, but Paterson, as champion, preferred fighting in his own backyard. . . . Jackie's Irish challenger, Monaghan, must be a colorful character. Rinty recently celebrated his London debut by flattening his opponent, Terry Allen, in the first round. Feeling he hadn't given the fans a sufficient show, Monaghan grabbed the microphone out of the announcer's hands and proceeded to entertain the customers with a bit of John McCormick. . . . It's only a suggestion, but a natural one—why not match Melio Bettina with Jersey Joe Walcott, and definitely decide who should be No. 1 on the Joe Louis Hit By Parade?

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Harry Berntsen, 209, thumping Norwegian, came on from behind to batter out a five-round kayo over Jimmy Lake, 187, Montreal, at the Ridgewood Grove. In the semi-final eight, Nick Kashuba, 155, Brooklyn, decisioned Charley Howard, 151, Pittsburgh. Jimmy Jerome, 194, New York, who also operates as Jimmy DeLuca, was credited with a five-round win when the referee stopped his affair with Mike Belluscio, 210, Rye. In

fours, Joe Carbo, 153, Brooklyn, whipped Nick Pertucci, 155, also of Brooklyn, and Dave Peters, 135, New York, outpointed Johnny Marino, 135, Brooklyn.

Leo Milito's undefeated streak, which had carried him through twenty-nine victories and one draw in thirty starts, finally came a-cropper when the youthful East Sider, 128½, was beaten by clever, sharp-shooting Jimmy Warren, 133, Brooklyn, in eight rounds at the Broadway Arena. The scrap was close, however, and many of those present felt that Milito's aggressiveness entitled him to at least a draw. In a rousing semi-final six, Tito Valles, 127½, East Side, defeated Lou Lang, 123½, Harlem. Other sixes resulted in a draw between Lou Castrillo, 129¼, Bronx, and Ben Melendis, 133¼, Puerto Rico, and a decision for Johnny Johnikin, 139½, Harlem, over Jerry Mekler, 131, Detroit. In fours, Tommy Harmon, 137, Harlem, stopped Ed Chapman, 139¾, Bronx, in the last frame, and Johnny Marino, 135, East New York, edged out Eddie O'Tash, 138½, Bridgeport.

Tommy Marra, 152¼, White Plains, outlasted Jimmy McDonough, 150½, Brooklyn, to take an eight-round decision at the White Plains Civic Center. In sixes, Frankie Cordino, 148, Toronto, drew with Bill Danker, 153, Yonkers; Tony Ducharme, 127, Montreal, outpointed Charley Titone, 121½, Brooklyn, and Ronnie Burns, 143¾, Paterson, drew with Art McKenzie, 146½, New York. Both fours wound up in kayoes, Paul Crosby, 170½, West New York, stopping Dave Glanton, 183, New York, in the first, and Walter Jordan, 138, Dumont, N. J., putting away Joe Poccia, 139¾, Yonkers, in the fourth.

The veteran Bobby Ruffin, 139, Astoria, found Pat Demers, 138½, Brockton, Mass., a soft touch at the Jamaica Arena. Demers, saved by the bell in the second, was finished with a right to the chin in 1:58 of the third. Knockouts also wound up three of the supporting matches, Joe Lucas, 120½, Jamaica, icing Frank Pondillo, 126, Brooklyn, in the fourth; Rudy Di Santa, 173, Bay Ridge, starching Vic Sebastian, 172, Bronx, in the second, and Bill Williams, 160, East Side, belting out Anthony Joya, 155, Astoria, in the second. In the scraps that went the limit, Billy Taylor, 163, Jamaica, decisioned Augie Fleischauer, 157¾, Bronx, and Danny Ruggiero, 157¾, Yonkers, outpointed Al Fisher, 154½, Bronx, in sixes.

Johnny Colan, 175½, West Sider, now operating out of Astoria, finished ahead of Ross Strickland, 184¾, Brooklyn, in a bruising ten-rounder at the Park Arena. James Carter, 133¾, Bronx, registered a technical kayo over Eddie White, 136, Jersey City, when the latter injured his left arm and was unable to come up for the fourth. In sixes, Pete Lupo, 143¾, Brooklyn, kayoed Leon Stanton, 147½, Harlem, in the first; Sol Ferrello, 126, Bronx, decisioned Guillermo Roberts, 124¾, Puerto Rico, and Jim Todd, 210¾, Culver City, Cal., outpunched Jim Johnson, 175½, Mount Vernon. Al Line, 161, Bronx, had the better of Tony Masciarelli, 157, Bronx, in a four.

Showing little effects of the vicious shellacking he absorbed in his disastrous affair with Charley Fusari, Tippy Larkin, 139, Garfield veteran, tossed a thorough boxing lesson into Billy Graham, 139¾, East Side, over the ten-round route in the Garden. Tippy didn't seem too sure of himself at the start, but after the third round he settled down to business, assumed complete charge of operations and won by himself. The turnout was 14,054, and the receipts $69,526. In the semi-final eight, Cyril Gallie, 141, Wales, repeated a previous victory over Patsy Giovanelli, 141, Brooklyn. In sixes, Sal Richie, 153, East Side, edged out Phil Burton, 146¼, and Pedro Biesca, 136, Mexico, was awarded a close decision over Jimmy Corti, 135½, Trenton, while in fours Mickey Zangara, 152¾, Bronx, had too much for willing Gerard Munzinger, 148, Paterson, and Sammy Chernoff, 126¼, Brooklyn, finished in front of Joe Gamby, 121½, West Side.

Surviving a first-round knockdown, Gene Gosney, 195, Seminole, Okla., kept his undefeated slate clean by clouting his way to a five-round kayo over Cliff Keorkle, 194½, Bayonne, at the Ridgewood Grove. It was Gosney's ninth straight win in metropolitan rings, and a complete sellout crowd of 3704 contributed a gate of $7809 to sit in on the hectic milling. In the semi-final eight, Pete Mell, 191, Englewood, N. J., knocked out Jimmy White, 177, Staten Island, in the fourth, while Al Marcioni, 181, Argentina, decisioned Tom McKeagney, 170, Boston, and Nick Mostovich, 145, Youngstown, got the nod over Fox Williams, 139½, Brooklyn, in sixes. In fours, Bill Struk, 145, Toronto, flattened Pete Lupo, 146, Flatbush, in the first, and Lew Perez, 158½, Puerto Rico, won over Nick Bertucci, 159½, Red Hook.

From a standpoint of sustained action, one of the best fights of the season was uncovered by Lou Valles, 154, East Side, and Tony Riccio, 148½, Bayonne, at the St. Nick Arena. The two rivals travelled at a blistering pace for the entire ten rounds, with so little to choose between them at the finish that the draw decision seemed eminently satisfactory to all parties concerned. Joey Carkido, 142, Youngstown, survived a couple of rough moments to whip Eska Mosley, 141¾, Bronx, in the semi-final eight, Sid Haber, 145, East Side, had the better of Kenny Hilton, 145, Harlem, in a six, while in another six Tito Valles, 128¾, brother of Lou, stopped Ralph LaSalle, 121¾, Puerto Rico, in the second. In fours, Willie Dooley, 146½, Harlem, was too aggressive for Harold Stroud, 149½, Brooklyn, and Tony Masciarella, 158, kayoed his Bronx rival, Al Line, 161, in the second.

Jimmy Carollo, 200, Corona, chalked up his twelfth straight triumph by outpointing Henry Jones, 212, Philadelphia, in an eight at the Jamaica Arena. Jones substituted for Perk Daniels. In the semi-final, Johnny Marino, 136, Brooklyn, battled to a six-round draw with Ray Solomon, 139, Washington, D. C.

In a carnival of eight-rounders at the Broadway Arena, Dave Cohen, 143½, Bronx, whipped the veteran Tony Marteliano, 147¾, East Side; Curley Nichols, 138, Brownsville, grabbed the nod over Johnny Gebert, 133, Hempstead; Leo LeBrun, 138¼, Bronx, outfought Benny May, 124, Canada, and Vic Amato, 162¾, South Brooklyn, stopped Joe Agosta, 161¼, East New York, in the fifth. In the four-round opener, Frankie Waite, 165, Youngstown, outpointed Joe Riccio, 165¼, East Side.

Up-and-coming Pete Kennedy, 148, Elmsford, carried too many guns for rugged Al Vega, 147, Mexico, in a top eight at the Park Arena. In a co-feature, the veteran Carmine Fatta, 135¾, Newburgh, outpunched Oscar Lewis, 134½, Newark. Joey (Red) D'Amato, 146, Youngstown comer, flattened Eldred Williams, 142, Brooklyn, and Eddie Bravota, 145½, West Side, stiffened Tom McElvean, 147¾, Bronx, in the first round of scheduled sixes. In another six, Eddie Long, 144½, Montreal, outpointed Harry Preston, 148, West Side, while Sammy Santi, 146½, Miami, beat Everett Chapman, 145½, Bronx, in four.

A cracked rib, suffered in the fifth round, forced Danny Rosati, 159, Newark, to concede victory to Laverne Roache, 158½, transplanted Texan, now living in Millburn, when the bell rang for the sixth at the White Plains Civic Center. In sixes, Willard Hogan, 141, Pelham, defeated Winslow Woodward, 138, Washington Heights; Jimmy Hegeman, 126¼, had the better of his Brooklyn rival, Sammy Chernoff, 126, and Pete Manchio, 141, Bronx, flattened Earl Trader, 133¼, Harlem, in the fifth. Herbie Johnson, 129¾, Brooklyn, outpointed Tony Sileo, 130¼, Stamford, and Billy Barrow, 160, White Plains, outpunched Billy Wakefield, 155, East Side, in fours.

Joey Fontana, 134, Brooklyn, repeated a previous win over Frankie Rubino, 136, New York, in a return eight-rounder at the Ridgewood Grove. In the semi-final six, Joey (Red) D'Amato, 144, Youngstown, registered his twenty-second straight win by stiffening Pat Murray, 146, Paterson, in the second. In other sixes, Frankie Cordino, 146, Toronto, decisioned Bobby Cummings, 146, Brooklyn, and Jimmy Mangia, 160, East Side, kayoed Grover Marshall, 158, Newark, in the fifth. In fours, Philip Aston, 183, Roslyn, whipped David Glanton, 186, Brooklyn; Tito Vega, 128, Puerto Rico, drew with Willie Serrano, 131, Brooklyn, and Jerry Scovoti. 219, Astoria, knocked out Nick Walsh, 201, East Side, in the second.

The best performance on the card supporting the Cerdan-Green affair in the Garden was delivered by Lew Hanbury, 137¼, Washington, who did a workmanlike job of polishing off Billy Strauss, 137½, Paterson, in the third round of a scheduled six. In the eight-round semi-final, Max Perez, 135¾, veteran globe-trotting Frenchman, was outcuffed by Al Pennino, 130½, Brooklyn. Jimmy Carter, 134½, Willie Ketchum's latest East Side protege, proved too shifty for Walter Stevens, 138, Newark, in another six, while in fours Rudy Pasco, 126½, likely-looking youngster from Toronto, whipped Marvin Dick, 121½, Brooklyn; Hal Anspach, 159, Cherry Point, N. C., decisioned Tommy Burke, 154, Bronx, and Jimmy Hegeman, 120½, Brooklyn, had the better of Jesus Campos, 123½, Harlem.

Though he was on the canvas for counts of two in the third and nine in the eighth, Willie Beltram, 137½, ran his winning streak to sixteen straight by eking out a split decision over Al Guido, 139½, Harlem, in a ten-rounder at the St. Nick Arena. Clarence Wilkinson, 164, Bronx, whipped Johnny Clark, 161½, Harlem, with plenty to spare in the semi-final eight, while another eight resulted in a win for Vernon Lester, who also operates as "Top Row" Jimmy Allen, 153, San Francisco, over Nick Kashuba, 155, Brooklyn. Both fours wound up in two-round kayoes, Freddie Paterson, 153, Rochester, stopping Billy Struk, 153½, Toronto, and Paddy Young, 146, West Side, halting Lou Masone, 144, Mantagh.

One of the weirdest refereeing performances ever uncovered in a metropolitan ring was given by Morris Goodman, making his debut at the Broadway Arena. Apparently determined to set something of a mileage record, Goodman started sprinting with the first bell. He slowed down after a few laps, but kept trying. By the time the second prelim got under way, Morris was limping badly, but grimly stuck to his program. With the ending of the semi-final, he collapsed on the apron of the ring, but vigorous massage treatment by Trainer Whitey Bimstein brought him around, and he managed to stagger through the main event, in which Larry Fontana, 161, Brooklyn, was awarded a disputed eight-round decision over Charlie Hayes, 164, Detroit. Tito Valles, 128½, East Side, edged out Lou Langley, 123, Harlem, in the semi-final six. In other sixes, Charley Zack, 153½, West Side, stopped Billy Ganges, 149, Harlem, in the final stanza, and Al Hirsch, 154½, East Side, gave Tommy Gargano, 154¾, Brooklyn, a thorough going-over. In fours, Willie Wilson, 142½, Brooklyn, whipped Elbert Williams, 139½, East New York, and Jimmy Walters, 154½, East New York, came back from two knockdowns in the first to flatten Lenny Stanton, 153¾, in the second.

Tommy Baker, 127, Cliffside Park, celebrated his first main event by pounding out an eight-round decision over clever, experienced Frankie Gerrard, 124½, Toledo, at the Jersey City Garden. It was Baker's seventh win as a pro, and his second over Gerrard, but, as in the first scrap, the Ohioan made things interesting. Knocked down three times in the second, Gerrard staged a spectacular comeback, and going into the last round it was anybody's fight. Baker cinched the verdict with a furious finish, twice staggering the cagey Toledoan. Ernie (The Rock) Durando, 150¾, Bayonne's knockout specialist, needed less than a full round to dispose of Eric Oliver, 156½, New York, in the semi-final.

Showing in a hometown ring for the first time in seven months, Steve Belloise, 159½, Bronx, had little difficulty whipping Randy Brown, 159, Mount Vernon, in eight at the Park Arena. It was Steve's twenty-third victory in twenty-four starts since his discharge from the navy. Dennis McCabe, 148, Bronx, outpointed Gerald Munzinger, 147, Paterson, in six; Nick Mistovich, 145, Youngstown, stopped Leo Sawyer, 144½, Harlem, in the fifth, and Sam Santi, 147, Miami, outpointed Everett Chapam, 146, Harlem, in four.

Tommy Marra, 152½, White Plains, was awarded a split eight-round decision over Billy Kilroy, 156, East Rutherford, at the White Plains Civic Center. In sixes, Johnny Rice, 169¼, Stamford, outpointed Henry Holley, 176, Brooklyn; Aubrey Holdenfield, 147¾, Little Rock, decisioned Eska Mosley, 142½, New York, and Lou Castrilli, 129½, New York, won over Guillermo Roberts, 124, Puerto Rico. Both fours wound up in two-round kayoes. Walter Jordan, 140, Dumont, N. J., flattening Willie Lee, 136¼, New York, and Henry Oden, 175, Charlotte, N. C., icing Paul Crosby, 168, New York.

The veteran Maurice (Lefty) LaChance, 134¼, Lisbon, Maine, proved a bit too ringwise for young Tony LaBua, 136, Ozone Park, and edged his way to an eight-round decision at the Jamaica Arena. The verdict was of the split variety, but LaChance well merited it. In the six-round semi-final, Charley Titone, 120, Bronx, outpointed Joe Gamby, 122, Brooklyn.

Two recent arrivals from Europe, the Minelli brothers, celebrated their American debuts by chalking up wins in a double eight-round windup at the Ridgewood Grove. Livio, 148, whipped Forrest (Fist) Dever, 147, Grand Rapids, and Aldo, 140¼, trounced Pete Manchio, 140½, Bronx. In supporting sixes, Jimmy Mangia, 158, East Side, decisioned Lon Anderson, 159, Bronx; Al Maggi, 156½, Greenwich Village, outpunched Harold Stroud, 151½, Brooklyn, and Vince Gigante, 174, Greenwich Village, stopped Leroy McQueen, 165, in the second. In the four-round curtain-raiser, Billy Struk, 152½, Toronto, decisioned Sam Santi, 147, Miami.

Showing in a New York ring for the first time in two years, Bert Lytell, 155, Fresno southpaw, and one of the world's top-ranking middleweights, boxed, slapped and punched his way to a decisive ten-round decision over Sam Baroudi, 159¾, Akron, at the St. Nick Arena. A sellout crowd of close to 4000, contributing a gate of $9785, saw Lytell bewilder the hard-hitting Ohioan with his speed and unorthodox style. Mario Ramon, 141, Mexico, proved little more than a willing punching bag for Richard Orange, 141, Harlem, in the eight-round semi-final. Ross Anzalone, 140, East Side, was too vigorous for Kenny Hilton, 143, Brooklyn, in a six. In another six, Eddie Franklin, 191½, Philadelphia, stopped Oscar Goode, 188½, in the third. In a pair of fours, Willie Wilson, 139½, Brooklyn, trounced sturdy Joseph Poccia, 141, Yonkers, and Julio Garcia, 125, kayoed his Puerto Rican rival, Willie Serrano, 125½, in the third.

Leo Milito, 130, East Side, whipped Harry Diduck, 128, Bronx, in the eight-round windup of the Sunnyside Garden's inaugural card in Long Island City. Queens Borough President James A. Burke was among the 2800 present for the club's first show. Vic Costa, 148, Bronx, decisioned Al Vega, 147, Mexico City, in the semi-final eight, while Davey (Red) Allen, 125¾, Yorkville, kayoed Leo LeBrun, 126, West Side, in the fifth of another eight. Tito Valles, 128, East Side, defeated Guillermo Roberts, 122½, West Side, in six, and Jackie Nieves, 128½, Puerto Rico, knocked out Harvey Treadwell, 123, Flushing, in the first.

The veteran Carmine Fatta, 135¼, Newburgh, proved a soft touch for Jimmy Warren, 133¾, Brooklyn, at the Broadway Arena, and was flattened in the second of a scheduled eight. In two other eights, Paddy DeMarco, 138, Brooklyn, had the better of Joe Carney, 139, Bronx, and Georgie Brown, 156, Harlem, outfought Leon Sheppard, 156, Brooklyn. Lou Castrilli, 133, Bronx, stretched Ben Melendez, 135, Puerto Rico, for the full count in the second, and Frankie Waite, 158½, Youngstown, outclassed Joey Rico, 162½, East Side, in the opening four.

In a free-swinging affair, Lew Hanbury, 138¾, Washington, evened an old score with Johnny Dell, 135½, Brooklyn, by taking an eight-round decision at the Park Arena. Paddy Young, 144, up-and-coming West Sider, iced Billy Griffin, 138, Bronx, in the first; Jesus Campos, 125½, Puerto Rico, outpointed Willie Dooley, 143, Bronx, in six, and Billy Struk, 144, Toronto, had the better of Sam Santi, 146¼, Miami, in four.

The usual sellout crowd of nearly 6000 saw Gene Boland, 151½, Detroit, toss a vicious lacing into Tony Vero, 149, Stamford, in eight rounds at the White Plains Civic Center. Billy Danker, 155, Yonkers, decisioned Buddy Bailey, 151, Harlem, in the semi-final six. In other sixes, Ray Solomon, 140½, Brooklyn, whipped Tony Viserta, 136¼, Bronx, and Jimmy Jackson, 159, Bronx, outpointed Tommy Gargano, 156, Brooklyn. In fours, Jules Rinaldo, 153, Bronx, trimmed Billy Wakefield, 156½, East Side, and Herbie Johnson, 133, Brooklyn, kayoed Charley Walsh, 136, Toronto, in the first.

Eleven pounds proved too much of a handicap for Andy (Buster) Peppe, 175, to spot hard-hitting Sanders Cox, 186, and the Greenwich Village youngster, floored four times, dropped an eight-round decision to the experienced Texan at the Jamaica Arena. Two knockouts in the prelims were registered by Grady Wilson, 130, Bronx, who stopped Pete McDonald, 134½, Harlem, in the fourth, and Jerry Scorvati, 216½, Astoria, who flattened Ed Davis, 182, Burnsville, S. C., in the first. In sixes, Joe Murray, 142½, Elmont, drew with Pat Murray, 146½, Paterson; Andy Faison, 151, West Side, decisioned Al Pinel, 155½, Brooklyn, and Danny Ruggiero, 150, Yonkers, outpointed Joe Fredda, 144, Maspeth.

Thoroughly overhauled since a fire put the club out of action three months previously, the Forum Arena reopened with a bang-up card topped by Johnny LaRusso, 131¾, Bronx, and Bernie Bernard, 132, East Side. The scrap, listed for eight rounds, wound up abruptly at 1:16 of the second when LaRusso connected with a vicious right to Bernard's chin. It was a one-punch kayo; Bernie fell flat on his face, and was counted out.

Making his first appearance in the ring since his kayo by Gus Lesnevich in their title affair in the Garden, Billy Fox, 175½, Philadelphia, had several close calls before stopping Georgie Kochan, 177½, formerly of Akron, now of the West Side, in the seventh round of a savage brawl at the St. Nick Arena. Fox was down for nine in the first, and suffered an ugly gash over his left eye in the fourth, but he proved the better stayer of the two, and dropped the exhausted Kochan twice in the seventh before Referee Johnny Burns halted matters at 2:12. A sellout crowd of 3,942 contributed $12,744 to the till. In sixes, Thompson Harmon, 135, Bronx, outscored Eli de Loech, West Side, and Joe Scalla, 144½, Bronx, was declared the winner over Art McKenzie, 144½, Harlem, in the fifth when the latter was disqualified for repeated elbowing. Billy Struk, 150, Toronto, outpointed Sam Santi, 145¼, Detroit, and Tony Masciarella, 159, Bronx, trounced Jimmy Jackson, 157½, Bronx, in fours.

Bettering his previous performance by one round, Harry Berntsen, 203, Norway, needed only four stanzas in which to polish off Jimmy Lake, 188, Montreal, in their return battle at the Ridgewood Grove. Kayoes also featured the supporting card. Jimmy Evans, 175, Bay Ridge, stopped Jimmy White, 178, Staten Island, in the third; Jimmy Dodd, 212, Valley Stream, flattened Frankie Reed, 179, Bronx, in the fourth; Melvin McKinney, 184, Brooklyn, halted Howard Berger, 190, Philadelphia, in the second, and Jesus Compo, 125, Puerto Rico, iced John Johnson, 125, New York, in the fourth. The only scrap to go the distance resulted in a four-round decision for Eddie O'Tash, 139, Bridgeport, over Charley Finley, 142, New York.

Joe (Sandy) Saddler, 128, Harlem, one of the world's top featherweights, carried too many guns for the veteran Charley (Cabey) Lewis, 130, Brooklyn, and won a unanimous ten-round decision at the St. Nick Arena. Mickey Zengara, 153¾, Fordham, whipped Danny Ruggiero, 149½, Yonkers, in the semi-final eight. In a pair of sixes, Paddy Young, 144, Greenwich Village, decisioned Gerard Munzinger, 144½, Paterson, and Albert Fisher, 153, Bronx, battled to a draw with Frankie Cordino, Toronto. Jerry Scovotti, 218¾, Astoria, needed only 29 seconds to polish off Chambois Roberts, 205, Port Chester, in the curtain-raiser.

Likely looking East Side youngster is middleweight Jimmy Mangia, undefeated in his first 17 professional bouts.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY

By MAX YEARGAIN

AT Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kan., Roy Miller, local middleweight, easily won over Nick Spotti, Pittsburgh. Referee Gus Spartan stopped the one-sided contest in 2:28 of the fifth.

In the preliminaries: Jackie Nichols, 128, Chicago, scored a technical knockout over Jackie Dickers, 128, St. Louis, in the sixth. Frankie Rivera, 123, Kansas City, outpointed Ernie Hoofman, 124, Milwaukee, in six. Vert Gibson, 147, Kansas City, decisioned Gene McGovern, 144, Granite City, Ill., five rounds. Louis Williams, 126, Kansas City, decisioned Ernie DeFrance, 126, Wichita, in four.

In a nip-and-tuck ten-rounder at Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kan., Tommy Campbell, 130, Rock Island, Ill., decisioned Pat Demers, Brockton, Mass.

The supporting bouts saw Little Joe Louis, Washington, D. C., stop Gene Buffalo, Philadelphia, in the fourth. Both are middleweights. Howard Jackson, 118, K. C., decisioned George Adams, 118, Chicago, in six. Dick Satterfield, Indianapolis, 152, outpointed Robert Childers, 146, K. C., in four. Lewis Williams, 126, Kansas City, outpointed Russ Moore, 126, Kansas City.

Jackie Darthard, 150, Kansas City, flattened Johnny Ryan, 150, Detroit, in 21 seconds of the eighth round of the scheduled 10-round main event at Memorial Hall, before 2,500 fans. It was Darthard's twentieth victory in twenty-two professional fights and the eighteenth time his foe has failed to go the route.

Other results: Albert Adams, 140, K. C., took the nod over Billy McCray, 141, Cleveland, in six. Raymond Young, 163, K. C., beat Rufus Knighton, 160, Detroit, in six. Warren Coleman, 159, Topeka, stopped Johnny Small in the third. Claude Sullard, 141, Wichita, copped a close one over Robert Childers, 145, K. C., in four.

At Wichita, Kan., 1,500 fans saws the ageless Deacon Logan, 168, St. Louis, stop Pat McCafferty, 173, Topeka, in the fourth round of a scheduled ten-rounder.

Raymond Young, 160, Kansas City, and Dick Smith, 163, Wichita, drew in eight. Jim Lankas, ex-heavyweight wrestler, stopped Billy Gilbert in one. Bud Love, Wichita featherweight, in his pro debut kayoed Jackie O'Brien, Joliet, Ill., in the third. Welterweights Mel Hood and LeForest Floyd drew in the opening four-rounder.

Two world champions, Tony Zale and Ray (Sugar) Robinson, appeared before Kansas City boxing fans within seven days' time. On April Fools Day at Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Tony Zale stopped skinny Al Timmons, Cleveland, in a non-title fight in the fifth round. Zale hit the beam at 162, flattening Timmons, 171, in 1:06 of the fifth. A disappointing crowd of 2,200 paid a gross of $4,638 to see the fight.

Other bouts: Edmond Carr, 137, Kansas City, got the verdict over Speedy Moore, 143, Omaha, in six. Claude Sullard, 149, Wichita, decisioned Floyd Perry, 138, K. C., in four. Johnny Sherrill, 145, St. Joseph, decisioned Melvin Hood, 144, Wichita.

World Welterweight Champion Ray "Sugar" Robinson, 155, scored a technical knockout in 2:30 of the fourth round, over Eddie Finazzo, 160, Baltimore, Md., in a nontitle bout.

In the preliminaries, Howard Jackson, K.C. bantamweight, stopped Baxter Horne, Oklahoma City, in three. Little Joe Louis, 160, Washington, D. C., T.K.O.'ed Jake Stephens in the third, the referee stopping the fight when the Oklahoma City fighter suffered a cut eye. Vert Gibson, 147, K. C., shaded Theodore Murray, 147, New York City, in six. Orville Spurlock, 157, K. C., lost by a T.K.O. to Dick Satterfield, 155, Indianapolis, in three. Mike Sanchez, 148, St. Joseph, kayoed Melvin Hood, Wichita, in two.

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NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By BILL DAVEE

FOUR shining new stars appeared on the fistic horizon during the month. They are Ben Johnson, heavyweight, Jimmy Curl, middleweight and Chief Gordon House, lightweight, and Allen McCorvey, welterweight.

Johnson sparkled in winning the Texas heavyweight championship from Eddie Ownby. Ben belted out an easy 10-round victory, dropping Ownby several times with terrific blasts.

Curl spotted Jack Wortham a dozen pounds and punched him out of the picture in four heats. Jimmy displayed good boxing and deadly hitting, looking most impressive.

The Chief gave Chamaco Albarran a nifty boxing lesson for eight rounds and then turned on the power to score a clean knockout in the 9th. The Indian is a much improved fighter.

McCorvey, who has been knocking over all opposition lately, added tough Sparky Reynolds to his list, winning an easy 10-rounder. He put Sparky on the floor a couple of times but couldn't keep him there.

Billy Deeg, former welter star, opened Corpus Christi and more than 2,000 fans were turned away. In the feature, Tony Elizondo, Texas middleweight champion, had little trouble knocking out Johnny Hale in three rounds.

Johnny Dabbs, Beaumont welter, exploded the bubble of Gilbert Garcia and flattened the Houston Mexican in six rounds. Dabbs boxed well and hit sharply.

Ben Johnson proved his first kayo of Joe Marcantel was no fluke, as he stiffened the big Frenchman in one round in his home town of Eunice, La., April 1st.

Vincent Villavicencio ended the long victory streak of Tony Elizondo by scoring a two-round T.K.O. at San Antonio, April 1st. There was considerable confusion over the timekeeper and referee becoming confused, and the only way to settle it is to rematch the two boys.

Ralph Smith, who has promoted fights in Houston for many years, has sold out his interest to his partner, Bill Williams. Smith retired because of bad health. Richard McLendon is the new matchmaker for the club, known as Boxing, Inc.

Here are the month's results:

At Houston—Primo Arellano, 129, and Roberto Esquibel, 125, drew, four. Ted Agapion, 136, decisioned James J. Cox, 129, six. Panchito Gonzales, 148, kayoed Joe Scrivner, 142, one. Gordon House, 135½, decisioned Nando Siosa, 136, eight. Jimmy Curl, 162, T.K.O.'ed Jack Wortham, 170, four.

At El Paso—Alberto Moreno, 109, decisioned Salvador Amayo, 108, four. Larry Perez, 137, decisioned Carlos Pacheco, 142, four. Salvador Chavez, 140, and Alphonso Malacara, 138, drew, four. Trinidad Perez, 124, decisioned Angel Ramos, 124, six. Luis Vera, 132, kayoed Dick Menchaca, 127, five rounds. Championship.

At San Antonio—Benny Dodrill, 141, T.K.O.'ed Dick Evans, 145, four. Bobby Dykes, 139, kayoed Antonio Aznar, 141, six. George Barris, 130, decisioned Jesus Rodriguez, 128, six. Jimmy Curl, 161, kayoed Amado Rodriguez, 164, six. Chucho Ruiz, 141, kayoed Henry Majcher, 142, six.

At Houston—Ray Raymond, 151, decisioned Pascual Castillo, 146, four. James J. Cox, 127½, decisioned Roberto Esquivel, 127, six. Ted Agapion, 140, decisioned Willie Llannes, 145, six. Eundoro Patino, 145, T.K.O.'ed Francisco Gonzales, 147½, five. Ben Johnson, 181, decisioned Eddie Ownby, 184, ten rounds. Championship.

At Beaumont—Jack Graham, 162, decisioned Andy Radke, 162, four. Charley Talbert, 140, kayoed Ronnie Moser, 146, one. Abner Bedingfield, 140, decisioned Herschel Frank Wallace, 138, six. Howell Steen, 158, decisioned Alex Arella, 158, ten. Tommy Ciarlo, 146, decisioned Johnny Dabbs, 146, ten.

At Corpus Christi—Al Garcia, 160, kayoed Joe Becka, 156, one. George Silvas, 160, and Ray Raymond, 160, drew, four. Joe Amaya, 129, kayoed Melchor Rodriguez, 128, two. Bill Wilson, 139, decisioned Manuel Dizon, 138, ten. Tony Elizondo, 161, kayoed Johnny Hale, 156, three.

At Houston—Willie Llannes, 145, decisioned Antonio Aznar, 141, four. Herschel Wallace, 144, decisioned Francisco Gonzales, 149, four. Fernando Sosa, 133, decisioned James J. Cox, 132, six. Bobby Dykes, 139, decisioned Ted Agapion, 139, six. Gordon House kayoed Luis "Chamaco" Albarran, nine.

At Dallas—Ross Brantley, 155, kayoed Frank William Stinnette, 158, two. Elmer Smith, 174, decisioned Walter Johnson, 172, four. Johnny Hale, 154, decisioned Garland Morris, 154, six. Hubert Gray, 146, decisioned Abner Bedingfield, 147, six. Jimmy Webb, 177, T.K.O.'ed Eddie Ownby, 183, four.

At El Paso—Jesus Castro, 135, kayoed Ignacio Franco, 137, four. Aurelino Rodriguez, 152, decisioned Ernesto Zacatecas, 148, four. Vidal Gaytan, 127, and Julio Muriel, 129, drew, four. Eulalio Sarabia, 112, decisioned Manuel Soto, 111, ten. Championship. Manuel Ortega, 126, T.K.O.'ed Augie Lapara, 127, three.

At Houston—Sam Bond, 133, T.K.O.'ed Juan Estopier, 129, one. Jack Graham, 160, decisioned Alfred Garcia, 158, four. Frank Bertolino, 183, decisioned Jack Pierce, 179, four. Buck Weaver, 154, kayoed Olin Clotieaux, 160, four. Herschel Wallace, 141, decisioned Charles Talbert, 137½, six. Johnny Dabbs, 143½, kayoed Gilbert Garcia, 144, six.

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SPOKANE NEWS
By JIMMY TANSY

WELL it looks like Spokane is finally going to make a sincere effort to revive the ailing fight game here in town. It has been almost a year since shows have been run regularly and almost that long since we've had any semblance of a boxing gymnasium. Orien Gross, local promoter, intends to run regular semi-monthly cards. If this is done, look for Spokane to become one of the top towns in the Northwest as far as sports are concerned.

Joey Dolan, the Spokane flash, has run into three defeats in a row, and his first K.O. in his career. The K.O. was administered by Arthur King. The referee, Johnny Burke, stopped the contest after Dolan was dropped for a nine count in the fifth round.

Billy Townsend, the boy we touted a few months back, is really living up to all that was predicted about him. He has scored seven victories in as many bouts. After one or two more six rounders, he will start headlining cards here and in other Northwestern fight cities.

Look for the clown prince of boxing "Rocky" Sullivan to break into the win column and stay there now that the above mentioned Gym is under construction. Rocky's defense is his offense and while he can keep throwing them, he's a hard guy to tag. Win or lose he has always managed to steal the show with his punching power and "Ya can't hurt me" attitude.

Any boxers desiring information or planning a trip to Spokane would do well to contact the writer at 716 South Laura St., Spokane, Wash.

AKRON, OHIO, BOXING
By TOMMY MAXWELL

THREE eight rounders featured the Bob Heath show on March 6. The best bout was a thriller between Van Penn, classy hard punching Pittsburgh welter, and Joe Ferrier of Canada. This was a real battle every second of the way with the Canadian lad getting an unpopular decision. Moe Harvey, the Warren, Ohio, belter, scored an upset victory over highly-touted Ronnie Burns, son of the once famous Frankie Burns. Johnny Chatman, Buffalo, N. Y., beat Frankie Cordino, a stablemate of Burns. Joey DeJohn had a soft touch in one Don Sarrow, and stopped him in three heats. Nate Huskey won over Sammy Mastrean in a close fight. The card drew a $2,659.00 gate.

On March 13 Walter Moore staged the Dave Marsh-Leo Garrett state junior lightweight title match, and Marsh won the belt. He was the master throughout. In the eight round semi-final, Chris Tabor lost a thriller to the rugged Bobby Berry. No better club fighters in the game than these two game cocks. In the prelims, Lou Berry, fast coming local youngster, won over veteran Jackie Thomas of Medina, Ohio. Gil Holcumb, making his pro debut, caught a Tartar in Jimmy Rae of Lorain, Ohio, and dropped a close decision. Bill Partin won over Leroy Love. 2,207 fans paid $3,984.00 at the gate.

On the Heath show, Pat Comisky, big New Jersey Irishman, stopped Clarence Jones of Buffalo, N. Y., after Jones hit the canvas nine times in less than three rounds. Big Pat was just too big for the Buffalo boy. Johnny Jackson edged Bobby Timpson of Youngstown, Ohio, in 8 rounds. Freddie Bernhardt, one of the most pleasing boys in the lightweight division, made his debut under the management of the veteran Joe Basco a success by stopping Lou Williams of Canton, Ohio. In another good fight, Joey DeJohn K.O.'ed Sonny Jordan after five rough rounds. In the opener Snooky Bryant lost to Tommy Migini of Pittsburgh in five rounds. The gate was $3,452.00.

One of the most amazing fighters around here is Kid Chocolate. The "Kid" has been fighting since a mere schoolboy. Chocolate fights a couple times a month all over the country and holds his own wherever he goes. In his most recent bout, he lost to Murray "Sugar" Cain in a close tilt.

Grady Welch pulled a tendon in his right hand in his bout with Henry Jones of Detroit, Mich., yet held Jones to a draw. In his previous four bouts, Welch earned four kayoes.

At Canton, Ohio, Sammy Angott was easy winner by a K.O. over Snooky Bryant of Massillon. In the semi-final Nate Huskey defeated the highly touted Jim Robinson of Louisville, Ky., in a very close fight. It was a great exhibition of boxing on both boys' part. In other bouts, Chet Gaultiere won over Cliff Barkley, Gil Scott over Chet Esmont, and Murray "Sugar" Cain over Kid Chocolate in a disputed decision.

At Warren, Ohio, Jack Thompson staged another great show before a packed house. In the feature, Jimmy Sanders, Jack's classy lightweight, continued on his winning way with a well earned win over Billy Squall of Pittsburgh, Pa., in eight rounds. It was Sanders' 14th pro. win. Bobby Timpson surprised with a win over Moe Harvey, also of the Thompson stable. This was a major upset. Joe Kezele met a Tartar in Bobby Neal of Rochester, Pa., and had to settle for a draw. Sonny Jordan, Pittsburgh, K.O.'ed Johnny Copeland in two rounds, and Jimmy Rae stopped Joey Sharpe in two rounds. Sammy Angott, former lightweight boss, refereed part of the card.

IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

PROFESSIONAL boxing was at a standstill in Indianapolis during the month. Amateur boxing took over the limelight while the lads who fight for purses took a month's vacation.

The annual Indiana A.A.U. boxing tournament, sponsored by the Indianapolis *Star*, was held here in the armory and drew capacity crowds for each session. Teams were entered from Gary, Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Evansville, Marion and Muncie. Following are winners in each class, all winners being from Indianapolis:

112 pounds, Fred Rice; 118 pounds, Chuck McGow; 126 pounds, Russ McKinney; 135 pounds, Harold Vone; 147 pounds, Julius Griffith; 160 pounds, Harry Dunn; 175 pounds, Bill Roberts; heavyweight, Willie Clemmons.

Nate Farb, well known Indianapolis sportsman and former boxing promoter and manager died here recently at 56. He was contender for the lightweight title of the A.E.F. during World War I and was the first manager and trainer of Jack Dillon, the "Hoosier Bearcat." Dillon later became light-heavy champion of the world. In later years Mr. Farb turned from the professional to the amateur boxing field and organized the Washington Athletic club which developed many youths who were prominent in Golden Gloves bouts.

Tony Zale, world's middleweight champion and the pride of Indiana, engaged in two tune-up fights in preparation for his next battle. He came up with two knockouts to his credit. He handed the soporific punch to Tommy Charles and Al Timmons, both in early rounds. This corner would like to see Jake LaMotta get a chance at the middleweight crown before Cerdan. After all, didn't Jake help keep the 160-pound class going while Zale was in service? And isn't he the top contender in his division? LaMotta is getting the same run around that Ray Robinson got before the "Sugar boy" won the welterweight crown. We're all for Zale, a Hoosier boy, but we still think he should give Jake a title bout.

Bob Simmons, Indianapolis welterweight, who has met the best in his division including a nip-and-tuck bout with Tommy Bell, has been inactive during the last four months. His inactivity, according to his manager, John Cronin, is due to the fact that he had had trouble scheduling bouts because of his ruggedness and ability to bowl over would-be contenders for the welterweight crown. Simmons has beaten Pete Spotti, Bill Parsons, Tommy James, Bobby McIntire, Tony Matisi, Verne Patterson and many others. Promoters wishing to show Simmons on their boxing shows may contact his manager through this column.

MAIL CALL: All letters will be promptly answered if return postage is enclosed. News, views, and, and comments are appreciated.

To Mickey Rosen, Chicago. Thanks, soporific means sleep producing, therefore a soporific punch is a knockout blow.

To Harold Wilson, Brooklyn. Willard Reed is 24 years old.

To Jack Sampson, Detroit. Sid Peek is managed by Dutch Reese, Charlestown, Ind. Yes, he is a good prospect.

We receive a lot of mail asking the address of the local promoters, fight managers and clubs. This information can be found in Nat Fleischer's RING Record Book. Addresses of all boxing promoters, managers and fight clubs located throughout the world can be found in this book, boxing's best friend.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

MANUEL ORTIZ probably didn't purchase a new bonnet this spring, since his favorite old head-piece has been returned to him. Yep, the lil' Mexican farmer has regained the bantamweight crown by winning the decision over Harold Dade, in a 15-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. Not having been a witness to this return bout, I am like the politician, "I only know what I read in the papers." I have read and heard that although the referee and both judges voted Ortiz the verdict, the decision was not unanimous as far as the sport scribes and capacity house was concerned. The many versions indicate that it was a very close fight and no one could have had just complaint of a draw verdict.

Dade chalked up his points with a fast left jab and shifty footwork. Ortiz won his rounds by aggressiveness and heavier hitting. Harold scored twice as often, but his blows did little damage. Manuel missed a lot, but forced the milling continually and rocked the Negro speedster on numerous occasions. Most everyone agrees that Ortiz no longer has either the speed or punch of a year or two ago, and it is doubtful if he would be the favorite in a third meeting with Dade.

Each came in at 117½, and that both were in the best of condition was proven by the furious pace they kept in exchanging punches during the final three rounds. The gate of $48,017 was a state record for indoor shows, and about 5000 were turned away.

In supporting bouts: Pee Wee Swingler, 125, won handily over Eli Golindo, 126, in the six-round semi, having Eli on the deck in both 5th and 6th heats; Bobby McMillan, 149, surprised in stopping Mike Angustain, 150, in the first round; Benny Cousins, 116, chilled Henry Evaro, 115, in the opening stanza; Johnny Hunt, 159, disposed of Leroy Burleson, 162, in the second heat; Rocky Haro, 121, decisioned Billy Herrera, 120, in four.

The Tournament of Champions at Chicago was again the great spectacle it has been for twenty years, and while Los Angeles did not come through with any champions (only 5 of the 39 cities did), our team did as well as was expected of them. We did have two in there on the final night and had Los Angeles not been the victim of some bad decisions, we might have boasted of a champion or two.

Three of our boys were short-changed. Connie Smith, Benny Cleveland and Alonzo Aviles were the victims of bad breaks. Smith in particular, was handed a really raw one, a decision that brought on a demonstration that lasted for minutes. And 21,800 people can really put one on. And we were not the only team to receive bad decisions, for, the officiating, as a whole, was not good this year and many teams suffered from the poor verdicts.

Benny Cleveland, our bantamweight, was awarded the Harold Dade trophy, and two other of our boys, Axel Boode and Andrew Castle, did us proud. Boode, with a great display of courage and stamina, engaged in the most thrilling contest of the tournament. Castle fought Richard Hagan (winner of the heavyweight title) to a standstill, in one of the best heavyweight scraps ever seen in an amateur ring.

The hand of that former great referee and swell fellow, Phil Collins, was missing this year. Collins neither officiated in the ring, or assigned the referees, as he had done for many years.

Izzy Kline, who has acted as Coach of the winning team in the Chicago-New York meets, as well as chief second of the tournament for the past 18 years, is still the man. And Izzy is well liked by the coaches of all the cities who enter the meet, as he makes every effort to be of help to all of them.

Tony Chavez, promising youngster of San Jose, got off to a nice start in his southern debut by being declared a T.K.O. winner over Chuey Figueroa in the second round of their clash at the Ocean Park Arena. Figueroa answered the opening bell with a two-fisted attack that garnered him the round, but he received an eye cut during one of the exchanges. Chavez tore into Chuey at the start of second and they fought furiously throughout the heat, with Tony having the upper hand. Figueroa's face was smeared with blood as he went to his corner, and after an examination, he was not allowed to continue. Chavez weighed 136, Figueroa 135.

Other results, all four-rounders: Sal Belloise, 158, and J. P. Ross, 160, fought a draw; Cecil Schoonmaker, 120, decisioned Billy Herrera, 121; Butch Maxwell, 132, nodded Johnny Montreal, 136; Sid Hitchens, 126, bested Roosevelt Bonner, 130; Jess Bojorquez, 142, stopped Willie Tatum, 145, in two.

It was only a few months ago that Sammy Anders, Texas Negro, was capable of making it tough for Fabela Chavez, the Mexican meteor of Los Angeles. But Fabela has advanced, while Sammy has slipped, and Chavez looked every bit the 8-to-1 favorite in their match at the Hollywood Stadium, in which he required less than four rounds to dispose of the Negro boy.

Anders, a hard hitter, made great effort to tag his speedy foe, and Sammy did manage to get in a solid punch occasionally. However, it would have been healthier for Anders had he missed all his blows, for, whenever he did park one on Fabela, the Mexican opened up with a two-fisted attack that caused Sammy to grab or give ground.

A fast, short right to the chin in the 4th round abruptly ended the one-sided affair. The blow iced Anders in his tracks. He remained motionless for an instant, then fell on his face, to be counted out. Chavez weighed 133, Anders 128.

In the semi, Jimmy Martin, 173, K.O.'ed Allen Arnett, 175, in the sixth. In the four-rounders, Rudy Davila, 148, defeated Dell Campo Provost, 151; Gene Loughridge, 157, decisioned Bobby McMillan, 154; Sidney Hitchens, 128, bested Len Marquez, 125; Chuck Edwards, 131, nodded Ramiro Lopez, 133.

Each year this writer names some contestant of the Chicago Golden Gloves tournament as his nominee of the fighter most apt to succeed in professional ranks. My choice of the 1947 Tournament of Champions is Nick Ranieri of Chicago, winner of the 160-pound class. Nick, of Italian parentage, is a member of the C.Y.O., which means he is under the direction of Lou Radzienda, and the coaching of Denny O'Keefe and Dick Fitzpatrick, so Ranieri's career will be well taken care of.

Nick is one of the hardest punchers I have ever seen in amateur ranks, and his blows seldom travel as far as a foot. And although a southpaw, he belts as hard with his right as with his left. In other years (here goes Winkler bragging again) I picked Johnny Bratton, Bob Satterlee, Major Jones and Bob Foxworth as the fellows to watch. Well, they are all doing pretty well, so, you might jot down the name of Nick Ranieri.

Blasting away with both fists from start to finish, Bobby Zander pounded out a convincing win over Rusty Payne in an exciting 10-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. It was Zander's first go in the Border City and he was out to give them something to remember him by. Payne too, will remember Bobby for some time, as it was the worst pasting that Rusty has received in a long time. Zander was tabbed winner of six rounds, with four heats fought on even terms, although many had Bobby ahead in every frame.

Although Zander hits well and executed every type of punch on Payne, Rusty was not put off his pins. And though Payne is a terrific belter and parked a number of the potent ones on Zander's jaw—nothing happened. It seems the Negro clouters were so engrossed in combat that they wouldn't heed any shock to brain or nerve. Zander weighed 178, Payne 184.

Other results: Chick Musgrove, 156, iced Flash Gordon in the first round of the semi; Cecil Schoonmaker, 116, and Ozzie Biggie bumped heads in the opening round, received cuts and had the bout declared a draw; Bill Minor decisioned Ishmael Hannefan in four; Dave Cohen and Jack Napier drew in four; Frankie Kidd and Willie Tatum also ended in a dead heat.

Matchmaker Babe McCoy gave his patrons a peek at some real boxing class in the person of Bernard Docusen. And the customers were just as enthusiastic over the New Orleans boxer as McCoy was when he saw the Filipino perform back in New York. Those of us who follow the game rather closely, were familiar with Docusen's talents and knew just what he would do to Bobby Yaeger in their 10-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. But there were not many who would have believed that there is a boxer who could make Yaeger look so pitiful.

Referee Abe Roth and both judges gave Docusen every round and had him ahead as much as 20 points. This corner was a bit more lenient toward Yaeger, tabbing two rounds as even. The local boy tried hard all the way, but just wasn't in Docusen's league. Yaeger is no catcher, he knows his A B C's, but the New Orleans speedster knows the whole alphabet. Bernard hit Yaeger with whatever punch he chose to use and kept from being hit with ridiculous ease.

At times Docusen would toss a flock of punches that bounced off Yaeger's head like hail off a roof, and Bobby appeared as bewildered as a steer in the road. Each weighed 143.

In the semi, Maxie Docusen, 131, the younger brother, was given a very easy chore in Eloy Renteria, 128, who entered the ring with an unhealed eye wound that required only one punch to re-open. Renteria received this one punch and a few more for good measure, to be T.K.O.'ed in the opening round.

In the four-rounders: Al Gonzales, 135, and Mario Luna, 136, drew; Vince Padilla, 133, and Perk Glenn, 130, also tied; Johnny Gardea, 169, decisioned Ray Siemons, 166; Henry Briere, 130, K.O.'ed Pete Louis, 131, in two.

Freddie Beshore, 197, El Monte, pounded out a win over Ernie Rios, 185, in a rough 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. The big blond proved too rugged for the ex-Army sarge.

In the prelims: Lou Filippo, 135, decisioned Mario Luna, 138, in four; Perk Glenn, 130, beat Butch Maxwell, 132, in four; Bobby Molino, 119, won by T.K.O. over Rocky Haro, 120, in the second; Bobby Philpott, 131, defeated Frank Martinez, 130, in a four; Eddie Seale, 154, nodded Ace Lytell, 150.

A fight producing eight knockdowns and a 9th round kayo certainly sounds thrilling, but the fans who witnessed it dubbed it one of the slowest and most uninteresting seen in the San Diego Coliseum in months. Johnny Haynes was the big fellow who spilled his foe so many times without raising the spectators' temperature. Johnny Donnelly was the unhappy one to make so many trips to the canvas and be belted out in the 9th. Haynes was too powerful for Donnelly, whom he outweighed 36 pounds.

However, the fans got more than their money's worth in the 6-round semi-final between Chick Musgrove and Jay Wall, two hard-hitting middleweights. It was a slugfest every second of the way, having the fans on their feet most of the time. Musgrove won by the margin of an 8-count knockdown in the second. Chick copped the first three rounds. Wall battered the local slugger around in the late rounds, but not enough to pull his end out of the fire.

Other results: Bob O'Fallon whipped Flash Gordon in six; Art Diaz and Ishmael Hannefan drew in four; Ruffin Brunner nodded Ramon Castro.

The writer made his annual visit to a number of middle-west cities last month. I either attended the fights, visited the gyms, talked with either ring reporters or sports scribes in Chicago, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Denver and Salt Lake City.

I am still convinced that California cities have the best action fights to be seen anywhere, and that our preliminary boxers are better fighters than those in most parts of the country. However, the gymnasiums in all of those cities were better operated and regulated than the gyms of Los Angeles. And the fistic fraternity of most of those cities are more courteous and considerate than the fight mob on the Coast.

In fact, the compliment above could well apply to the people of those cities, as a whole. In truth, there is little of the muchly publicized "Hospitality of the West" to be found in the California of 1947. I have found it in some of the western states, notably Montana, Wyoming and Missouri, but there is little of it in my state. (If this be treason, Mr. Asa V. Call, make the most of it.)

Forcing the fight all the way, Don Lee, 151, won handily over Al Robinson, 146, in a 10-rounder at Fresno. Robinson caught the onrushing Nebraskan with hard rights to the jaw, but Don was as hard to faze as a magazine solicitor and kept right on wading in to give the Fresno Negro a body beating. Lee was credited with 7 of the rounds, the other 3 being tabbed even. Although not close, it was fast and hotly contested.

In supporting bouts, Baby Santiago, 126, Stockton, and Eloy Renteria, 130, Pasadena, slugged six rounds to a draw in the semi; Jake Green, 182, Fresno, whipped Erskine Anderson, 185, in a four; Nick Ferolito, 154, Fresno, and Earl Flynn, 151, San Francisco, fought to a draw in four; Gil Gonzales, 131, Fresno, outpointed Melvin Wold, 136, in four.

It is going to take a good man to beat Rudy Cruz. In winning decisively over Vic Grupico in a 10-rounder at the Hollywod Stadium, Cruz proved that he also knows how to take care of southpaws, the bugaboo of many a clever boxer. Grupico copped the first two rounds with an aggressive body attack while Cruz was apparently doing more figuring than fighting, for, Rudy took over in the third with ease.

Cruz was in the driver's seat for the next six rounds, stabbing the Italian with stiff left jabs and straight rights at long range, and jolting Vic with short right uppercuts when the 'Frisco fighter did get in close quarters. Grupico stormed out in the 9th and garnered the heat with a two-fisted onslaught. However, while Grupico was giving his all, Cruz was saving something for the final heat and he sure gave Vic a shellacking in the 10th round. Each weighed 136½.

Other results: Ralph Lara, 129, Gardena, mauled his way to a decision over Benny O'Neal, 129, in the six-round semi; Eloy Renteria, 131, whipped Al Sandoval, 133, in four; Ray Siemons, 172, St. Louis, bested Bob Hawkins, 176, in four; Butch Maxwell, 129, Chicago, decisioned Len Marquez, 125; Bob O'Fallon, 143, and Ray Lewis, 146, dueled to a draw.

Bernard Docusen should, and probably will, remain in California awhile. He was accorded a tremendous ovation after handing Bobby Yaeger that boxing lesson. It was a treat to watch this boy box as many of our top-notchers used to box. We have a few good boxers out here at present, but there is much to be desired when one compares them with the better boxers of others years. (Okay, I'm getting old, but, I still could be right.)

Docusen reminds one most of Speedy Dado, when the Brown Doll was at his peak. However, the New Orleans speed-merchant is so versatile that at times one notes in him the movements or style of Tony Canzoneri and Harry Greb. And his left jab, footwork and open-glove blocking compares favorably with that of Freddie Welsh and Johnny Kilbane.

The only fault I find with the clever Filipino is his jumping up so much. A little of it adds color to the bout, but too much of it takes away from his smooth boxing.

The fans love a puncher, and since Fitzie Fitzpatrick is a guy who can chill 'em with one belt, he almost always leaves the battle-ground amid a burst of cheers. But not so in his last encounter. Although Fitzie won the unanimous decision over Jack Hannon Porter in a rough 10-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic, the Irish blockbuster left the ring amid a storm of boos, because of the unethical tactics he used against the Oakland Negro.

Fitzpatrick bullied Porter about the ring to cop 8 of the rounds and win by 10 points, in spite of being penalized 4 points for butting and striking the Oaklander while he was on the ropes. Porter was the better boxer and proved thoroughly game, but he could not cope with Fitzie's powerful attack. The winner weighed 181, the loser 175.

In the semi, Ralph (K.O.) Hooker, 195, Portland Negro, won by T.K.O. in the 4th round over Jack Warren, 205, Pasadena Negro, due to a badly cut eye. They had been slugging it out on rather even terms until the injury.

In the prelims: Jerry Brown, 173, decisioned Ray Siemons, 170, in four; Henry Roberts, 143, stopped Ray Lewis, 145, in the first heat; Jay Wall, 155, disposed of Elmer Buckner, 162, in the second; Rocky Haro, 123, outpointed Billy Herrera, 123, in the opener.

Arturo Barron, 141, Los Angeles, proved too experienced for Morris Corona, 142, Port Arthur, Tex., in their scheduled 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. It was a cut eye that halted hostilities in the 6th round and gave Barron the fight on a T.K.O., but Arturo was out in front and seemed headed for victory without this assist.

In supporting bouts: Dutch Culbertson, 180, nodded Ardis Mack, 190, in the four-round semi; Ray Thomas, 150, decisioned Lito Perez, 145, in four; Cecil Schoonmaker, 120, K.O.'ed Sidney Hitchens, 126, in the first round; Butch Maxwell, 130, bested Pete Louis, 129, in a four; Bob Acosta, 140, in his pro debut, whipped Al Neria, 136.

Alfredo Escobar, who is always doing the unexpected, did it again in winning by T.K.O. over Bobby Jackson at the Hollywood Stadium. Escobar's first upset win was over Fabela Chavez. Later, as the underdog, he defeated Nick Diaz, Speedy Cabanella and Buddy Jacklich. And in this clash, Jackson was a 3-to-1 favorite. It was really an eye cut that caused the go to be stopped and awarded to Escobar in the third, but it was one of Alfredo's gloves that inflicted the damage.

The brief scrap was a sizzler while it lasted, with Escobar having a bit the best of it. Both are aggressive, solid-punching fighters, and they met in the middle of the ring with fists flying. With his eye bleeding badly, Jackson fought desperately in the third and pumped in some good blows to the body. But Escobar was parking occasional rights on that injured optic and the crowd realized that they were going home soon.

Bobby was a bloody sight at the end of the heat and the club doctor only needed a quick look to rule him out. Each weighed 129½.

In the semi, two veteran ex-main eventers, Lige Drew, 149, San Diego Negro, and Jackie Byrd, 150, Blytheville, Ark., fought six fast, tough rounds with Drew copping four of the heats and the decision.

In the four-rounders: Johnny Hunt, 159, decisioned Nap Howard, 157; Babe Huerta, 143, and Al Gonzales, 141, fought a draw; Lito Perez, 147, beat Eddie Seale, 153; Perk Glenn, 130, stopped Frank Martinez, 130, in the third..

The chances are very good that San Diego will again be one of the best fight towns in California, as it was some years ago. Promoter Onyx Roach recently appointed Jack O'Dowd as matchmaker of the San Diego club, and the choice was a good one. The dapper Irishman seems to know what the Border City fans want, for, the Coliseum has played to near capacity crowds ever since he took over the reins.

O'Dowd has not only booked some of the best fights seen at the Coliseum in years, but he is also developing some great drawing cards. Having been in the entertainment field, he appreciates the value of personality, and intends to build up boxing in San Diego with fistic personalities, as well as action fighters. And speaking of personality, the Matchmaker himself has it to the 'nth degree, being good looking, a neat dresser, soft spoken and courteous.

When Referee Johnny Reno disqualified Charley O'Kelly, 153, Vallejo Negro, for hitting low in his fight with Georgie Duke, 154, Petaluma, at Fresno, there were some who questioned his actions, considering him too severe. No doubt about it, they were persons who had never been hit below the belt. I, for one, feel that the referee should be commended by the Commission for such action. However, most of the audience were in harmony with the ring official, in fact, it was their continual booing of O'Kelly's blows, that caused Reno to act so drastically.

It had been a fast, exciting contest for the six rounds fought, with Duke being nicely in the lead at the time it was halted. O'Kelly won the opening round by dropping Duke for a no-count. They fought on even terms in the second, Duke won the 3rd, 4th and 5th heats. It was in the 6th that O'Kelly started sinking them in below the belt-line. There were no less than three blows landed distinctly below the belt and a number of others that were questionable. After repeatedly warning O'Kelly, the referee halted the go early in the 7th round and awarded it to Duke.

Other results: Eddie Reed, 219, decisioned Al Ware, 229, in the semi (6); Nick Ferolito, 155, nodded Del Silva, 160 (4); Jake Green, 178, got a draw with Percy Butler, 190 (4); Bobby Burgess, 134, outpointed Gil Gonzales (4).

Henry Rich, 163, heavy-fisted young Negro of Los Angeles, was short-changed in his rematch with Kenny Watkins, 161, a torrid 10-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. Rich earned the nod on his aggressiveness and hard punching. Henry hurt his clever foe on numerous occasions and had Watkins groggy in the 3rd and 9th rounds. Realizing that he was behind, Kenny went all out in the final round to win the heat handily and catch the eye of the referee and one judge, who voted him a draw. The other judge tabbed Rich the winner, as did the majority of the crowd, who loudly booed the decision.

In supporting bouts: Bob O'Fallon, 142, and Ray Lewis, 145, fought six fast rounds to a draw in the semi; Gil Napier, 133, bested Roosevelt Bonner, 130, in six; Richard Jones, 145, decisioned Flash Gordon, 145, in four; Bobby Philpott, 131, outpointed Ramiro Lopez, 130, in a four; George Stamos, 160, stopped Rudy Nelson in the second round.

Both Archie Moore and Jack Chase are past their peak, but Chase has gone farther down the hill than Moore. Jack can still beat some of them, but Archie can still beat most of them. These Negro veterans met for the sixth time at the Los Angeles Olympic, with Moore winning by a K.O. in the 9th round, after outclassing Chase most all the way.

Chase had one big round, the third, in which he floored Archie for an 8-count with a right to the jaw. Moore made Chase suffer for that accomplishment by punching him limp and groggy during the 4th and 5th heats. Moore copped 7 of the 8 rounds fought with left jabs and straight rights, rocking Jack to his heels on numerous occasions. The go had become so one-sided that Referee Johnny Indrisano immediately raised Archie's glove when he dropped Jack with a crushing right to the jaw in the 9th. Moore weighed 173, Chase 169.

In the semi, Maxie Docusen, 131, younger of the well known brothers, disposed of Sammy Andrade, 129, Juarez (Mex.), in the opening round. Docusen swarmed all over the Border scrapper, rocking him with lefts and rights. Andrade didn't get to toss a punch and when blood started dripping from his right eye, the referee awarded the bout to Maxie.

Results of the prelims: Al Gonzales, 135, K.O.'ed Al Neria, 134 (2); Shorty Morgan, 173, nodded Ray Siemons, 170 (4); Johnny Koster, 181, stopped Sam Smith, 176 (2); Dutch Culbertson, 180, decisioned Jerry Brown, 173 (4).

Have just been reading some New Zealand newspapers and note that the boxing commissions of that country decide and rule on what amount of purses are to be paid the boxers. And the promoters down there sure must be lovable fellows, judging by the way the commission looks after their interests. Either that, or the New Zealand czars of boxing do not consider a boxer's profession a very talented one.

As an example: Willie Jones, Los Angeles Negro, fought Bos Murphy a 12-rounder that drew a $30,000 gate. The commission set the purse at £300, to be split £180 (about $900) to the winner, £120 (about $600) to the loser. Bos Murphy is the New Zealand middleweight champion and their foremost boxer. He won over the supposedly great Vic Patrick not so long ago. Jones had scored five K.O. victories over Australian boxers and was being heralded as a great fighter. Yet, the commission stated that these boxers didn't rate a larger purse.

A $30,000 gate and $1,500 to the boxers who attracted it! Oh, for the life of a boxing promoter in New Zealand!

Midget Jones, 138, New Orleans Negro, had too much on the ball for Eddie Hudson, 137, San Francisco Negro, in their 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Both are good punchers, but Jones is much the faster, so, it was he who scored the only knockdown, spilling Eddie for a 2-count in the 4th.

In remaining bouts: Whitey Morris, 149, defeated Ray Thomas, 150, in the four-round semi; Vince Valenzuela, 131, whipped Sid Hitchens, 126, in four; Ray Siemons, 170, iced Sammy Smith, 173, in the second; Dave Cohen, 146, K.O.'ed Willie Tatum 145, in three; Bobby Molino, 118, decisioned Ray Salazar in the opener.

Matchmaker Charley McDonald had heard of the feud that Pat Valentino and Jack Hannon Porter had been engaging in up north, so, he signed them for the Hollywod Stadium. Well, after witnessing the fourth clash between the San Francisco Italian and Oakland Negro, the Movie City promoter wouldn't even be interested in the feudin' of the Hatfields and McCoys, if those guys were still around doing their stuff. It was that bad.

The only redeeming feature of the slow-motion affair was the sudden ending. Valentino appeared to be trying, but it was no super-human effort. Porter's lethargy might have been due to lack of sleep, in which case, Pat was more friend than foe, in trying to rock Porter into slumber with a hard right to the jaw in the 10th round. But Jack was determined to be one of the last to remain awake (most of the customers had dozed off much earlier in the evening) and he regained his feet at count of 9. However, he was groggy and unable to defend himself, so Referee Charley Randolph waved him to his corner just a few seconds before the final bell. Valentino, weighing 183, was credited with every round. Porter weighed 179.

The semi-final, too, was a dull affair and the fans got their vocal cords oiled up nicely for the main-event by booing this six-rounder between Jimmy Martin, 172, Glendale, and Gil (Mojica) Moore, 169, San Francisco. It was declared a draw.

Other results: Lou Filippo, 135, and Benny O'Neal, 131, drew (4); Axel Boode, 156, and Elmer Buckner, 161, both received cuts and had the bout called a draw (3); Roland Spencer, 188, defeated Johnny Koster, 182 (4); Ray Lewis, 146, stopped Art Rojo, 140 (3).

Making his first start in months, Little Giant, 121, Buffalo, N. Y., Negro, dropped his third consecutive fight before his adopted home fans, losing a 10-round decision to Jorge Sanchez, 121, Cuba, in the San Diego Coliseum. The stubby Negro made his usual aggressive fight, but Sanchez, fleet of foot, easily avoided Giant's rushes. The Cuban has a fast left hand and he piled up many points with a jab, but he also lost a few points for giving Giant the business. Sanchez has as many tricks as Blackstone, the magician, and Referee Benny Whitman was kept busy warning Jorge about his foul tactics.

The semi-final, a return bout between Chick Musgrove, 156, San Diego, and Jay Wall, 155, Los Angeles, attracted a large part of the capacity crowd. And it was even a greater thriller than their other brawl, with Musgrove again winning, this time by a K.O. in the 4th round. Musgrove put Jay down three times in the opening round and once in the second heat. Wall belted Chick all over the ring in the third. Musgrove put an end to the thriller with a left hook in the 4th. The crowd was on their feet throughout.

In other bouts, Bob Murphy, 165, and Leroy Burleson, 162, fought three exciting rounds to a technical draw, the bout being declared so, because of a cut eye; Flash Gordon and Ray Thomas boxed a draw in four; Ruffin Brunner copped a decision over Ishmael Hannefan in four.

Well, fellows, there is no need for any of you to write me for the records of recent fights of any California boxer, at least for a few months, as Nat Fleischer's RING RECORD BOOK is now on the market, and it contains the records of over 300 California boxers. It is a great work and will prove invaluable to any follower of boxing.

However, I will gladly furnish desired information to any manager contemplating bringing boxers to the Coast, or would represent any unattached boxer of ability, who desires to campaign in California.

And this note from Nat Fleischer—Managers who desire to have photographs of their boys and stories about them published in THE RING should send these direct to me instead of to him at THE RING office in New York. All such items must be cleared through me and I, in turn, will ship the material to Nat. My address is Harry Winkler, 1231 N. June St., Hollywood 28, California.

THE "SCOTCH-WOP"

GUISSEPPE CORRORA" hardly sounded like the name of a fighter. Something simpler and more catchy was preferred. So Manager "Scotty" Montieth decided on a new handle for his youthful West Side Italian. Loyalty to his native Scotland gave him an idea. Guisseppe Corrora became "Johnny Dundee"—and Johnny Dundee, in turn, became one of the most colorful performers in ring history.

When he finally hung up the gloves in 1930, the "Scotch-Wop" had been fighting for twenty years, and had engaged in more than 300 battles with the outstanding featherweights and lightweights of his time. He reached his peak in 1923 when he won the featherweight championship of the world from Eugene Criqui, the Frenchman, at the Polo Grounds.

IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS
By ROBERT VALLI

NEW YORK'S version of the lightweight champ, Bob Montgomery, the Philadelphia bobcat, stopped the champion aspirations of Jesse Flores, Stockton lightweight and San Francisco's outstanding drawing card, by dropping the youthful Mexican for the full count in the third round at the Civic Auditorium.

The $32,545 worth of customers, almost 100 percent pro-Flores, came to cheer Jesse, but left singing the praises of the Bobcat. The localite came in game and daring for he outfought the slow-starting champ in the first, and was on his way to winning the second when Montgomery tagged his aggressive foe with a right uppercut under the heart. The blow just about finished Flores, only his gameness enabled him to rise at nine and continue to rush the hard-socking Negro. It was only a matter of time in the third and after two minutes Flores was felled again with a long right to the jaw. Just as Referee Joe Gorman called ten, Jesse rose shakily to his feet. The contest was a non-title affair as Montgomery came in at 138½, Flores 136½. The Stockton lad, only twenty years old, has a long time before he hangs the mitts up and could use this bout as an experience. Jesse, who has lost only two starts in 43 bouts, will have to start from almost scratch again, but his youthfulness and determination can offset this.

In the semi-windup, George (Dusty) Brown, the champ's stablemate, won a sizzling six-rounder from Henry Paz, 140, San Jose veteran. Mike Bernal, 122½, starting a comeback, T.K.O.'ed Chuck Wiggins, 122, in six. Speedy Cannon, 158, won over Willie Vega, 157, in four. Bobby Arata, 154, knocked out Earl Flynn, 153, in the first round.

Jimmy Sherrer, smooth-working Milwaukee welterweight, boxed his way to a unanimous ten-round decision over Charley Catos, local gamester, in the main-go at the Oakland Auditorium.

Sherrer, a 3-1 favorite, was credited with six rounds, Catos two and two were even. Superior boxing skill won for the Negro importer. Weights were: Sherrer 150, Catos 155.

In the semi-final, Gil Mojica Moore, 168, rallied to take a close nod over Leonard Marrow, 171, in six fast sessions. Moore dropped his opponent for a nine-count in the first, but had to go all out at the finish to win.

Harry Allbritton, 145, lost a close one to Eddie Russey, 148, in four. Lee Knights, 158, scored over Vern LaCross, 156, in four rounds. Dave Whittock, 173, a good prospect, T.K.O.'ed Ken Kass, 175, in three.

A capacity crowd turned out to root for Earl Turner, Oakland gate magnate, in his California state welterweight title bout with California Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles Negro, at the Oakland Auditorium. The big crowd, mostly Turner followers, must have helped the "Earl of Richmond," for he gave one of his better exhibitions of fighting and managed to dethrone Wilson in twelve fast rounds.

Turner grabbed a definite but close edge over the clever Los Angeles veteran. Both came under the 147 welterweight limit.

In the prelims: Darnell Carter, Los Angeles Negro lightweight, edged out a split decision over Leroy Willis, hard-hitting South City Negro, in six of their rubber match. Dee Edwards, up-and-coming heavy, won over Baby Dutch Culbertson, service heavyweight whom Louis once called a good prospect, in four.

Al Robinson, Fresno welter, surprised a good turnout by dropping Sal Perea, local Mexican, three times to win a knockout in the second round at National Hall.

Sal was down twice in the first round and was floored for the full ten-count on his knees, coming up a second too late. Perea, a terrific disappointment, scaled 145, Robinson 146.

In another tenner, Felix Bueno, 134, up-and-coming youngster, outboxed Mickey Puente, 134½, for an edge in every round and a unanimous decision. It was Puente's first defeat and Bueno's second main-event win.

Tommy Orosco, 146, dropped a close nod to Oscar Smith, 147, in four. Dave Whitlock, 167, won over Ray Voris, 169, in four.

Tossing a sufficient amount of left hooks and right crosses, Buddy Jacklich, local lightweight comer, walked off with a dull ten-round decision over Ramon Alva, Los Angeles Mexican, at the Coliseum Bowl.

Alva, a switch-hitter, was troublesome, but missed repeatedly and tired early. Weights were: Jacklich 132½, Alva 130.

Undercard: Speedy Cannon, 155, decisioned Bob Ward, 165, in four. Whitey Morris, 151, won over Willie Vega, 159½, in four. Parker Stewart, 134, stopped Al Perrault, 140, in four. Perrault suffered a fractured jaw. Bob Burgess, 135, halted Val Atencio, 138, in four.

Punching Paulie Lewis, Oakland crowd-pleaser, slugged his way to a T.K.O. win over Lalo Rodriquez, veteran San Diego Mexican, in four rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

The commission doctor, after examining Lalo's badly-swollen left eye, ordered the bout stopped. Lewis had the better of the going, punching the Mexican freely, but receiving an argument of hard blows in return. Lewis hit the scale at 160, Rodriquez 162. The gate hit $5109.

In the semi-final Gil Mojica Moore, 169, won on a T.K.O. over Len Marrow, 174, in the second of a sixer. It was Moore's second straight over Marrow.

George Smith, 160, nodded Jerry Brown, 167, in four. Ernie Duarte, 150, took the decision over "Rough House" Oliver, 149½, in four. Martin Edwards, 129, gained the verdict over Willie Parker, 134, in four.

After surprising the crowd with an easy kayo win the week previously, Al Robinson, Fresno welter, equally surprised the fans again by the manner in which he let Georgie Duke, popular Petaluma battler, outbox him at the National Hall.

Georgie jabbed and hooked his way to an easy decision over Robinson, who lacked the kayo wallop he had against Perea.

RAMBLING AROUND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
By FRANK PENNINGTON

BUD CHRISTMAN, 128, San Francisco's fine little featherweight, and Richie Mendoza, 130, managed and trained by "Professor" George Latka, wound up all even in the ten-round feature at San Jose's Civic Auditorium with fans witnessing some clever maneuvering by two of the coast's most promising boys.

And up at Sacramento—Newsboy Millich, 187, didn't get very far on the comeback trail. After beating Eddie Reed quite easily, Promoter Jack Pearl brought up heavyweight Al Jordan, 187, from Los Angeles for the Sacramento character. Jordan punched Miller all over the ring for five rounds and flattened him in the sixth. The house hit $3886.

Speedy Cabanella, 127, of Manila and Dave Hernandez, 131, of Los Angeles, held the spotlight in San Jose's main bout with Cabanella winning the decision after ten close rounds in an interesting battle. In the six-round semi, Baby Santiago, 126, of Stockton, decisioned Wayne Shepherd, 129, Oakland.

In a Babe Griffin promotion at Stockton, Paul Guerrero, featherweight out of Los Angeles, defeated the highly touted Bayani Garcia from the Philippines in the ten-round main. Guerrero, recently discharged from the army and wearer of the Purple Heart, had all the better of the milling throughout.

Tony Bosnich, San Francisco heavyweight, has proven to be quite popular with San Jose fight fans. Although outweighed 40 pounds by Eddie Reed, Bosnich gave the Fresno heavy a sound thumping to win by a technical knockout midway of the ninth round. At 190, Irish Sid Flaherty's boy seems to be back in pre-war form. In the semi, Leo Rica, 130, Oakland, stopped Sammy Andrade, 130, Los Angeles, in four. It was a Jimmy Fitten-D.V.A. show.

Richie Mendoza of Los Angeles and blond Bud Christman of San Francisco continued their featherweight feud on Fred Pearl's weekly show at Sacramento and again battled to a draw in the ten-round main. A packed arena accepted the decision with the usual amount of cheers and boos.

At Stockton—Speedy Cabanella, 126-pound Manila thunderbolt, won a slugging match from Paul Guerrero, 124, Los Angeles. The Filipino had Guerrero on the canvas twice in the opening round.

Quite a group of Stockton fans drove down to Flores, do battle with Lightweight Champion Bob Montgomery. Flores showed his appreciation by winning the first round. The "Stockton Slasher" failed to show any progress after that with Montgomery dropping him for a nine-count in the second and for the full count in the third. It was just two years ago that Flores won his first amateur title in the same ring. Benny Ford scaled his prices from $7.50 down and took in 32 G's at the box office.

Ringside Chatter—Danny Jackson, veteran trainer and manager, contemplating a trip to Australia with a stable of headliners. . . . Ray Lunny with his hand on the mend and about ready for a comeback try. . . . Address this writer at Santa Venetia, San Rafael, California.

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

PROMOTER RALEIGH SLIGAR is doing a bang-up job in giving Tacoma boxing fans action-laden fistic shows.

Tacoma's new Ice Palace which houses the boxing programs here is without question one of the finest in the country. The building which cost $375,000 to erect can handle a crowd of 8,000 or better.

George Millich, clever Sacramento, Cal., heavyweight, recently defeated Jimmy Casino of Los Angeles in a ten-round top spot at the Ice Palace.

Roy Hawkins, Portland, Oregon, heavyweight, has taken up residence in Tacoma. The husky young big fellow will do his training licks in the Amundsen quarters.

Now that the recent Washington State Legislature passed a law calling for the release of the State's Armories for Professional and Amateur Sports Events, a number of new Boxing Clubs will spring up about the State.

Bellingham, Washington, is back into the fight line-up. Dick Smith from the Tulip City has been granted the permit to show in this spot.

Puyallup, Washington, fourteen miles from Tacoma, is coming out with a series of boxing shows. The programs will be sponsored by the American Legion of this Valley town, Johnny Badnick, former trainer of ex-middleweight king Freddie Steele, will do the matchmaking.

Johnny Miller, clever Stockton, Calif., featherweight, defeated "Pittsburgh" Jackie Wilson, ex-featherweight champion, at Stockton.

The writer is seeking an outdoor location at some nearby lake for Tacoma's fighters to do their summer training.

Unattached fighters coming to the Pacific Northwest would do well by contacting the Amundsen gym if in quest of ring action. Write 719½ Commerce Street, Tacoma, Wash.

NEWS FROM CUBA
By DR. J. A. VIEITES

HAVANA—Julio Pedroso's tenth round rally enabled him to obtain a draw verdict with Hanking Barrows. The Panamanian title holder decided to slug, instead of trying to out-box the tough Pedroso, and tossed his winning chances. Both men weighed 147.

In the semi-final, Tony Alvarez, 134, upset Wilfredo Mayet, a pound heavier, in eight.

The remainder of the card: Ciro Moracén, 124½, drew in 6 with Sojito Gonzalez, 128½. Carlos Pino, 145½, stopped Alfredo Castro, 146, in the 4th. Occidental Kid, 118, decisioned Oswaldo Arango, same weight, in the four-round opener.

Oriente—Jesus Vila, Miguel Acevedo's stablemate, received a draw for his efforts against Mario Diaz, Kid Chocolate's nephew. Vila scored two knockdowns over Diaz, and had him in a bad way several times. Both battlers came in inside the 160 mark.

Havana—Orestes Diago, lightweight, was again victim of a poor decision when he only received a draw for the second consecutive time with Kid Barquerito. However, it was a ding-dong, slam-bang battle all the way, but Diago's heavier punches, and his strongest finish seemed enough to convince any jury. Both men came in at 136 pounds.

Kid Brillante came from the floor in the second round to out-punch Joe Molina, and stopped his game foe in the 7th frame. Brillante weighed 148, while Molina came in at 146½.

Veteran Eligio Alvarez won a six-rounder from Lorenzo Cabera (feathers). Hermino Gonzalez looked impressive stopping Saguita Kid in 32 seconds of the first. Gonzalez weighed in at 116, the Kid, 118. In the curtain-raiser, Mateo Sobrado punched out a four-round verdict over Leo Fernandez.

Sagua—Pototo Ribalta lost on a foul to Young Joe Dundee, after looking like an easy winner, in the three previous rounds.

Havana—Black Pico, 115¼, lost a ten-round verdict to Armando Puenti Pi, 117¾, in the top-match at the Sports Palace.

Pico boxed cleverly in spots, but sometimes he forgot his speed, his best weapon, and that cost him the adverse verdict. This was their sixth encounter. A day after the fight Pico sailed to Miami from where he will travel to Europe. He is booked to fight Emile Famechon and Raoul Degryse in Paris. Both Puenti Pi and Pico are rated among the world's ten best flyweights in the May issue of this magazine.

In the supporting eight-rounder, Damaso Collazo, 135, scored an easy decision over Julian Varona. Varona weighed one-half pound more than undefeated Collazo.

In another scheduled eight-rounder, Orlando Zulueta, 126½, received credit for a T.K.O., when Sojito Gonzalez, half a pound less, refused to come out for the 7th, alleging he only signed to fight six rounds. At the time Zulueta looked like an easy winner.

Louis Villa, 158¾, made his professional debut, a good one, when he knocked out Juan Naranjo, 161½, in the fourth round.

In the opening match, Occidental Kid, 117½, was held to a four-round draw by Oswaldo Arango, 118¼.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

SAMMY ANGOTT, former world's lightweight champion, kayoed Nick Castiglione, hard-hitting Chicago Italian welterweight, in four rounds at the Chicago Stadium.

Although Sammy won, he almost met with a kayo himself as early as the opening canto when Castiglione tagged the Pennsylvanian with a terrific right uppercut for a four count. In round two Beltin' Nick dislodged Sammy's mouthpiece with a well-directed right hand smash to the mouth, but it wasn't long afterward that the two-fisted Easterner plopped Castiglione with an uppercut for a toll of nine.

Two additional tens were offered. Bob Foxworth, promising East St. Louis, Ill., light-heavyweight, scored a sensational one-round knockout over Bob Satterfield in one bout, and in the other ten-rounder, Tommy Yarosz, fleet-footed and capable light-heavyweight, did a masterful job on Dave Clark, Cincinnati middleweight.

In the prelims, Jackie Lyons, stablemate of Yarosz', from Braddock, Pa., won a disputed decision over Mike Sopko, middleweight from Indiana Harbor, and Pete McNamara, red-headed Irish 155-pounder, from the Cleveland branch of the Catholic Youth Organization, decisively defeated Gene McGovern of Granite City, Ill., in the four-round affairs.

A crowd of 10,151 paid $43,376.78 to see the bouts.

Tony Zale, middleweight champion of the world, notched out two wins via the kayo route in preparing for a summer title defense. Tony traveled down to Memphis, Tenn., and whiffed Tommy Charles of Indianapolis, Ind., away in four heats, and concluded his warmup campaign with a four-round technical knockout triumph over Al Timmons, Cleveland, light-heavyweight, 1:06, in Kansas City, Kansas.

Meyer Siegel, Brooklyn Jewish middleweight, was declared the loser to youthful Leon Thompson, Evarts, Ky., 152-pounder, in the Marigold Gardens weekly eight-round headliner. Siegel, the harder puncher of the two, couldn't catch young Thompson at all and the Kentuckian outscored his heavier foe, who tipped the beam at 162 pounds.

In the preliminaries, Ed Perry, 200-pound Pittsburgh heavyweight, scored a knockout over Bill Browning, 201½, of St. Louis, Mo., in the third heat. Bob Ranes, 159-pound Milwaukeean, stopped Buster Crow of Danville, Ill., in two frames. Jackie Nichols, fast and clever Garyite, beat Herman Mills, speedy Chicago lightweight, in four rounds. Dickie Weinhold, Denver, 140½-pounder, stowed away Charles Wright, Chicago, in the opening round, and in the six-round semi-windup James Anderson, heavyweight protege of Johnny Coulon, knocked Vince Calzaretta a-kickin', in two heats.

Gene Spencer, South Chicago lightweight, trekked over to Louisville, Kentucky, and outscored Mike Raffa in the ten-round headliner.

Harvey Dubs, Windsor, Ontario, middleweight, and another Spunt fighter, kayoed Howard Bleyhl, St. Paul, Minn., middleweight, in five rounds, for Promoter Billy Colbert.

Bill Parsons, Danville, Ill., welterweight, lost to Eddie Miller, in a Dayton, Ohio, 10-round windup.

At Minneapolis, Minn., Dolph Quijano won over Chicago's smart heavyweight, Todd Tate, at the distance of 10 rounds.

Rainbow Gardens Arena—Tim Dalton, Chicago lightweight, won an impressive bout from Reuben Rivers, pleasing Mexico City battler. Tommy Campbell, Rock Island, Ill., 140-pounder, won a hotly contested bout from Talmadge Bussey of Detroit, Michigan, and Ray Barnes, undefeated "Motor City" middleweight, made it two in a row over stout-hearted Horace Wilkens.

And in the two four-rounders, Jimmy Palmer won over James Holmes and James Colquitt, Gary, middleweight, won over James (Edward) Lee, Chicago, 159-pounder.

Marigold Gardens Arena—Charley Baxter, Cincinnati, Ohio, lightweight, won the eight-round decision over Quentin (Baby) Breese, of Milwaukee, who hasn't fought in the Windy City for about six years. Breeze was down for a nine count in the third round.

Collins Brown, former Golden Gloves and C.Y.O. middleweight champion, in his pro-comeback campaign stopped Forest Gee of Milwaukee, Wis., in the third round.

In a spirited preliminary contest, Nenos Solomon, Northside welterweight, floored Walter Holta, also from the "Brewery City," in the opening stanzas.

Doc Williams, Chicagoan, who fought several times in the Windy City area, made his Eastern debut at Asbury Park, N. J., and defeated Speedy Duval in a six-round featured attraction.

Marigold Gardens Arena—Wray Carter, Southside lightweight, made it two in a row over aggressive Charley Baxter, Cincinnati battler, in the eight-round windup.

Ulysses S. Johnson, newcomer from Detroit, Michigan, spoiled Collins Brown's comeback by beating the lanky Southsider inside of three rounds. Brown was floored once in the second round and three times in the ensuing round before being stopped.

In the most exciting bout on the card, Louis Espados, 134-pounder, notched out a victory over Frank Malone of Louisville, Ky.

Marigold Gardens Arena—Sid Peaks, scaling 213 pounds, from Charlestown, Indiana, substituted for James Anderson against Charles Lester, agile Cleveland youngster, and the terrific hitting Peaks stopped Lester in three rounds. Peaks floored Lester, once in the first round and five times in the third and last round.

In the supporting encounters, Art Jones, 168, Chicago, and Nick Melnick, 160½, Winnipeg, Manitoba, drew in four rounds. Cleveland Brown, 146, out of Cincinnati, and Tommy James, 148½-pounder from Chicago, also drew, in a five-round tiff. Cliff Fossman, 145¼, Chicago, scored over aggressive Jimmy Martin, 139½, also from Chicago, four rounds. Collins Brown, 162, Chicago, kayoed Pete McNamara, 155, Cleveland, in the second round and Sammy Burch, Cincinnati, 135-rounder, beat Will Scott, 134, out of Gary, Ind., in a five-rounder.

Cecil Hudson of Milwaukee, Wis., beat Jerry Fiorello of Brooklyn in the main go at Fred Irwin's show. Hudson was credited with a nine-round technical knockout victory due to a severely cut eye suffered by the Gotham Italian.

Jerry Berthiaume, Montreal heavyweight, knocked out the aging Mickey Hayes, also of Milwaukee, with a right to the chin in the fourth round of the semi-final.

Holman Williams is still carrying on with success. Holman's latest win was a 12-round triumph over Henry Hall, in New Orleans, La.

Bill Petersen, Chicago heavyweight, has jumped his contract with Earl McClure and is fighting out of Seattle, Washington, where in his first engagement he achieved a five-round knockout win over Al Ware.

Harold Dade, Chicago's young ex-bantamweight champion, won out on the coast over Tony Olivera in ten rounds.

Attention: Fighters interested in fighting in the Middle West should contact Gene Engel, 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Illinois. In your letter, enclose photo, your won and lost records, fight clippings and any other data that adds to your potentialities.

WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

DOM SINIBALDI, Berlin's fistic star, is the top attraction around these parts and his services are being sought by promoters who know their business and see great possibilities in featuring the young Italian welterweight. Dom's most impressive win to date was a fast 10-round battle over Ruby Margolin, of Montreal, Canada, at the Barre, Vermont, Auditorium.

Young Sinibaldi's battle previous to the Margolin achievement was another impressive victory over ex-champ of Maine, Maurice Beauchene, of Brunswick. Dom won easily before a sell-out crowd at Rumford, Maine, in an 8-round main bout. The verdict was unanimous.

The East Side Kid, Edgar "K.O." Perrault, Berlin featherweight, won the decision over Willie Leo, 130-pounder of Portland, Maine, in the 8-round feature bout at Rumford.

On the same card a newcomer from Cascade, N. H., Larry Dalphonse, 118, unanimously decisioned Paul Martin, 119, Lewiston, Maine, in 4.

Jerry Boisvert, 125¾, of Asbestos, Canada, now fighting out of Lewiston, Maine, scored a well-earned victory over Billy Lancaster, Maine's middleweight champ, who is from Portland. The bout was a feature offering by Berlin's new promoter, Eddie Desilets.

At Manchester, N. H., Buddy Hayes, New England's featherweight ruler, knocked out Willie "Pee Wee" Lewis of Wilmington, Delaware. Hayes weighed 127 to Lewis' 135.

The semi-final bout featured two more out-of-state fighters. Joe Gerard, 160, Worcester, Mass., knocked out Jesse Smith, 155, Beverly, Mass., in the second.

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Oliver Desmarais of Manchester, N. H., was handed the surprise of his life at Salem, Mass., when Steve Kronis, Boston, Mass., southie, slugged him out of the ring and a few seconds later flattened him in the first stanza of a scheduled 10-round main bout.

A sell-out crowd of over 2,000 fans witnessed Kronis, 129, and Desmarais, 134, slug it out toe-to-toe. A right cross smashed Desmarais out of the ring. He returned groggy at the count of eight and stepped into a vicious left hook that put him on the canvas face downward, and out for the full count.

Canadian fighters are making good progress in these parts. Many are staying in Berlin, N. H., securing work through the writer of this column. Among the most promising are: Ray Daoust, Sailor McKinnon, Paul "Dusty" Rivest, Jerry Berthiaume, Guy DeRoy and the trail-blazer of them all, Knockout Paul Frappier. For further information contact the writer at the above-mentioned address. The phone number is Berlin, N. H., 697 JK or 94 JK.

At South Berwick, Maine, in the Palace Theater, Frank Burley, 155, Dover, N. H., knocked out Kid Chocolate, 152, of Havana, Cuba, in the third round. The victory, ninth straight for Burley, avenged a one-round knockout the Cuban inflicted on Burley in Manchester, N. H., late last Summer.

In the 6-round semi-windup, George Pelletier, 185, Dover, N. H., drew with Frankie Palermo, 195, of New York City. A couple weeks previous to that bout the up-and-coming Pelletier knocked out Gene Roy, 180, from Berlin, N. H., in the second round.

Florient Desmarais finished strong in the last three rounds to cop the decision over Joe Monteiro, Wareham, Mass., highly rated boy. Desmarais tipped the scales at 133½ to Monteiro's 128½.

To keep up with the latest in the boxing and mat game throughout the world it's THE RING Magazine and for detailed results in the New England States, it's the *New England Ring Review*. Ask for your copies at your favorite newsstand.

SHAVINGS—At Fall River, Mass., Leo Mucucci lost a decision to Johnny Larusso of Brooklyn, N. Y.

At Rumford: Leo Mucucci kayoed Paul "Dusty" Rivest in the third round.

Promoter Art Proulx of Somersworth, N. H., who is trying hard to put the sport across at Rochester, N. H., met with some difficulties in arranging his program due to last hour changes, but he did manage to go on with the show and in his feature bout Leon Leblond, 135, Lisbon, Maine, scored a knockout win over Pedro Cachardo, 132, of New Bedford, Mass., at the Humoresque Arena. In the semi-final bout, Don Doyon, 150, Somersworth, N. H., gained a six-round decision over Dave Camera, 152, of Portland, Maine.

Al Sinibaldi, heavyweight contender of Berlin, New Hampshire, who is now working at the NATTC, Jacksonville, Florida, as physical instructor, penned a few words to inform this corner that Jack Fisher, one of his proteges, copped the Naval Air Training Athletic Conference Middleweight Championship at Ottumwa, Iowa. Al has been too busy to engage in bouts of his own but he expects to get started again soon.

BOXING NEWS IN SEATTLE
By RON WARNOCK

MARCH was a busy month in Seattle. Four big shows were well attended. Milo Savage upset "Irish" Billy Walker of New York on March 4th. On the 11th Joey Dolan of Spokane lost a tough fight to Aurel Toma of Roumania. On the 18th Phil Palmer, the sensational Vancouver, B. C., welterweight, was given a surprise by the fast improving Buddy Hoffman and had to step fast to emerge with the decision. A week later Milo Savage came back against Johnny Taylor of Oakland and won a slow fight that didn't please the customers.

April started out with Bill Peterson, formerly of Chicago, and now making his home in Seattle, making his bow against Al Ware of Oakland. Ware proved a tough style for the big Scandinavian until the fifth round when he ran into a right hand to the pit of the stomach. Heavyweights haven't shown in this area since before the war and they were well received. Lee Savold and Elmer Ray have been invited to meet Peterson on the 29th of April.

Bellingham opened during March with an all star card showing their local middleweight, Bernie Reynolds, against Benny Droll of Peoria. Reynolds won all the way and is looking better all the time. He is meeting Harry "Kid" Mathews on the 11th. Spokane opens, Aberdeen is opening and Vancouver is going big. Boxing is on the move in the Northwest.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS

By DON HAMILL

CONNECTICUT fans were treated to a good set of bouts with Hartford, New Haven, New Britain, Waterbury, Stamford, Willimantic, Norwich, and New London being the battle sites. The main event in the lone New London show was given the old "heave-ho" and called "no-contest." The contestants, Lee Q. Murray of South Norwalk and Jimmy White of Jersey City were no match. Both were here in Hartford last summer boxing with Tommy Gomez. Lee is an exceptionally good fighter, far above either White or Gomez, whom he worked for as a sparring partner. Murray rates better bouts.

New Britain, Stanley Arena—Tommy Rhett, 116, New York Negro, provided a sudden ending to his bout with Ralph McNeil, 118, Springfield, Mass., Negro, in the fifth round of their scheduled ten spot. The action was very even when Rhett uncorked a left hook to the stomach to flatten his foe.

In the six-round semi-final, Billy Brown, 165, Manchester, and Floyd "Bat" Stroud, 160, Hartford Negro, provided the fans with plenty of action with Brown getting the duke. Al Headley, 131, New York Negro, stopped Jack Armstrong, 133, Manchester, in the final round of a six.

Hartford, Auditorium — Georgie Dunn, 131, Hartford Negro, was slowed down to a walk by body blows delivered by Jimmy Collins, 134, Philadelphia Negro, in their ten-rounder, but walked off with the decision. The majority of the 1754 fans that paid $2,815.90 were not in accordance with Referee Joe Currie's decision. Carey Mace, 146, Hartford, looked good in winning over dangerous punching Johnny Parker, 147½, Springfield Negro, in the six-round semi-windup. Henry Victoria, 156, Bridgeport, and Al Pinel, 156½, New Bedford, Mass., battled away for six rounds before ending up all even. Danny Butler, 134, New York, turned southpaw and belted out Billy Armstrong, 137, Springfield, with a right jab, in the first round of a slated six.

New Haven Arena—Julie Kogon, 137, New Haven, counter-punched his way to a decisive ten-round decision over Lulu Costantino, 137½, New York. Kogon carted off nine of the ten heats according to Referee Johnny Cluney's scoresheet. Barney Ross, former world's welterweight champion and hero of Guadalcanal in World War II, refereed the six-round semi-final between Billy Brown, 159, Manchester, and Joe Bowman, 157, New York. Brown won by his superior boxing. Ross was given a big hand from the 5000 spectators. Willie Clinton, 157, New Haven Negro, kayoed Ernie Foster, 160, New York, in the second of another six. In another, Augie Brett, 127, Hartford, outpointed Jose Colon Garcia, 124, Puerto Rico. In the opener of four rounds, Tom Collins, 150, New Haven, outpointed Strawberry Hines, 148, Stamford.

New London, at the Ocean Beach Auditorium—Lee Q. Murray, 215, South Norwalk Negro, and Johnny White, 207, Jersey City, N. J., were stopped by Referee Joe Currie and called "no contest" in the second round of the scheduled ten-rounder. Currie halted the bout when White went down from a seemingly light blow.

Norwich State Armory—Whitey Cozy, 150, New Britain, won a close eight-round decision over Sammy Walker, 148, Springfield, Mass., Negro, in the main event. Augie Brett, 129, Hartford, continued his winning ways with a one-round knockout over Jackie Decker, 128, Springfield, Mass., with a short left hook to the jaw. The balance of the undercard was made up of semi-pro bouts. Kenny Adams, 120, likely looking Norwich battler, won over Pete Carlson, 122, Hartford, in five heats. Sugar Olmes, 140, Springfield, stopped Pete Larki, 137, Groton Sub Base, in the third stanza of another fiver. Norm Dugas, 157, Versailles, France, drew with Charley Reid, 160, Springfield, in three rounds. In the opener, Joe Alarno, 132, Thompsonville, took a three-rounder from Sonny King, 135, New Britain.

New Britain, Stanley Arena—George "Red" Doty, 156, Hartford, was awarded a T.K.O. over Joe Bennett, 152, New York Negro, when Dr. Frank Azick of the Athletic Commission, refused to let Bennett answer the bell for the seventh round, due to cuts above and below the left eye. Doty was dropped in the first round from a right to the chin and was trailing on points up to the time the bout was stopped.

Johnny Bell, 140, New Britain, won an eight-round decision over Joey Poccia, 139, Yonkers, N. Y., in the semi-final. Bell is a very bright looking prospect. In a scheduled sixer, Nate Dawkins, 154, Hartford, knocked out Billy Ross, 149, Middletown, in the third.

New Haven Arena—Eddie Compo, 128, New Haven, knocked out Benny Molendez, 130, New York, in the fourth round of a scheduled eight-rounder. The pay-off blow was a left hook to the jaw.

Frankie Foley, 140, New Haven, romped off with an eight-round decision over Ernie Petrone, 139, Philadelphia, and in another eight, Johnny Johnson, 168, Philadelphia, outpointed Tony Gillo, 170, New Haven. Jack Armstrong, 141, Manchester, kayoed Strawberry Hines, 147, Stamford, in the first round of a four. In the curtain raiser of the same distance, Thompson Harman, 139½, New York, won over Willie Andrews, 142, New Haven. About 3500 fans attended.

Willimantic State Armory—Carey Mace, 146, Hartford, had little difficulty stopping Young Sharkey, 147, Danielson, in the sixth round of their eight-round feature. Mace gave the veteran a boxing lesson. Both fighters were on the floor, Mace when he was caught off balance in the third and Sharkey in the same heat when he was saved by the bell. In semi-pro bouts: Norman Bailey, 133, Moosup, scored over Paul Richards, 130, Willimantic; Al Carchido, 143, Willimantic, knocked out Ronnie Charron, 135, Willimantic, in the first round; Ray Reed, 122, Hartford, rallied to knock out Al Provost, 120, Brooklyn, Conn., in the fourth round; Al Minka, 132, Willimantic, drew with Floyd Hartfield, 128, Hartford; and Tom DeVozza, 138, Brooklyn, Conn., drew with Jim Bailey, 136, Hartford.

Hartford Auditorium — Bobby Pryor, 151½, Springfield Negro, went ten rounds to a dull draw with Henry Jordan, 150, Philadelphia Negro. Both fighters worked hard inside but the fight failed to produce any thrills. In the sixth heat Pryor got up off the floor twice to drop Jordan into a sitting position.

Tippy Morgan, 140, a clever New York Negro, knocked out Patric John Brady, 139, New York, in the second round of a sixer. Johnny Noce, 142, Philadelphia, was awarded a T.K.O. over Billy Kearns, 142, Wethersfield, when the latter was unable to come out for the second due to a badly cut left eye. Danny Butler, 130, New York, punched out a surprise win over Joey Dell, 131, New Haven, in a six-rounder. In the opener, a semi-pro contest, Freddy Martin, 149, Avon, was awarded a close five-round verdict over Red Carter, 147, Hartford Negro. A crowd of 1343 contributed a gross gate of $2124.80.

New Britain, Stanley Arena—Billy Brown, 163, Manchester, won a ten-round decision over Jimmy Taylor, 158, New York, in a dull feature before 800 fans. Referee Frankie O'Brien awarded five rounds to Brown, four even, and the last to Taylor. Taylor was dropped in the last round for a nine count.

In the semi-final, Thompson Harmon, 133, New York, stopped Jack Armstrong, 137, Manchester, in the second of a slated six. Billy Ross, 150, Middletown, stopped Joe Girolamo, 146, New Britain, in the fourth. Joe O'Grady, 152, New York, drew with Eddie Horlock, 157, New Britain, in a semi-pro bout. In the other, Bill Woods, 134, Hartford, drew with Sammy King, 139, New Britain.

New Haven Arena—Tommy Ciarlo, 142½, Waterbury, scored another upset in topping Julie Kogon, 135, New Haven, in the ten-round feature. Ciarlo is a bull of a fighter and has an awkward style.

Tommy Collins, 119, Boston, decisioned Jose Colon Garcia, 120, Puerto Rico, in the six-round semi-final. Bobby Logan, 129, New London, looked good in beating Eddie Smith, 129, New York, over the six-round route. Bill Daley, 155, Boston, scored over Willie Clinton, 159, New Haven, in another six-spot. Charles Russell Howard, 141, New York, stopped Mario Jones, 143, New York, in the third of a four-rounder, and Ernie Drescher, 160, Hershey, Pa., halted Larry Shaw, 158, Brooklyn, in the second.

Stamford, Columbus Hall—Eddie Compo, 128, New Haven, proved a little too crafty for Rocky Progano, 130, Stamford, in their ten-rounder. Compo, using a left jab to near perfection, kept the ever-charging Progano at bay.

Joe Jennings, 144½, Norwalk, stopped Lou Jackson, 141½, New Haven, when the latter was unable to answer the bell for the fifth round. Autrey Barnes, 163½, Brooklyn, knocked out Jim Hardaway, 167½, New York, at the start of the second round. Eden Germaine, 137, Bridgeport, won a four-round decision over Art Garcia, 137½, New Haven. Robert Marshall, 140½, New York, stopped his New York rival, Al Mazza, 138, in the second of a four. In the opener down for the same length, Roy Jackson, 133, New York, halted Danny Sileo, 129½, Stamford.

Waterbury State Armory—Tommy Ciarlo, 146, Waterbury, won a close gruelling battle over Frankie Vigeant, 149, Thomaston. Ciarlo started fast and took the first six rounds but Vigeant came down the stretch fast to nearly even up the battle.

In the eight-round semi-final, Kenny James, 156, Waterbury Negro, kayoed Henry Robinson, 155, Washington, D. C., in the second round. Danny Falcone, 124, Manchester, knocked out Joey Angelo, 126, Waterbury, in the first round but not without creating a little excitement. Both fighters were dropped by simultaneous haymakers. Falcone arose first and stopped Angelo, who took two more trips. Billy Kearns, 145, Wethersfield, banged out a six-round decision over Johnny Coe, 146, Boston, in a good bout. In another six, Eric Best, 155, Brooklyn, beat Billy Daley, 154, Boston.

Joe Monteiro, hard-hitting Wareham, Mass., featherweight, who is handled by this writer, boxed a couple of main events during the month and dropped two close verdicts. Both of his opponents were southpaws. He lost a close one to Florient Desmarais in Manchester, N. H., in ten rounds. Florient was a last minute substitute for Oliver Desmarais. Later in the month, Joe dropped another close duke to Tommy Greb in Salem. He put Greb out of action by breaking his jaw and three teeth.

Unattached boxers anxious to get work in this section are urged to contact the writer, Don Hamill, 367 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, Conn. There is plenty of work for fighters who can fight.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By EDDIE BECK

LARRY McMANUS was handed a six months suspension by the local commission. McManus received a hearing before the board but the verdict has not been rendered.

The new Arena A. C. grossed nineteen grand in its first three shows.

Joe De Rosa is elated with the return of his undefeated heavyweight, Frankie Cotoia, 19-year-old prospect. Cotoia returned to the gym after 15 months in the Army.

Larry Bolvin, local feather, returned to action after a long rest. Larry will campaign in the Silverman circuit.

Arcadia Club—Jackie Lovatt, 142½, Providence, won a split decision over Ernie Guisti, 138½, Natick, in the eight-rounder. Tony Rindone, 165¼, Roxbury, stopped Johnny De Ciantis, 166½, Providence, in five. Billy Counts, 158, Providence, beat Ike Stevenson, 150, Framingham, in six. Billy Murray, 137½, K.O.'ed Johnny Campinha, 137¼, Brockton, in two. Jack Kelly, 162, Boston, K.O.'ed Allie Wilson, 156, Worcester, in one. A capacity Arcadia crowd strongly voiced its disagreement with the verdict in the main event. Ernie Forte, 149¾, Providence, beat Georgie Martin, 154½, Boston, in ten. Pat Shannon, 140¾, Boston, stopped Ralph Moran, 134¾, Lawrence, in two. Billy Truell, 146½, Providence, beat Chuck Williams, 140¾, Boston, in six. Jerry King, 133¾, Providence, stopped Frankie Waters, 126½, Boston, in three. Jackie Walker, 152½, Boston, beat Dolly King, Providence, in three.

Arcadia Club—Johnny Terriano, 148¼, Cranston, stopped Eddie Moniz, 149¼, Fall River, in four. Henry Holt, 152½, Norwalk, beat Benny Delgado, 143½, Providence, in eight. Eddie Richmond, 141, Providence, lost to Joey Polowitzer, Windsor, Conn., in six rounds. Leon Hutson, 121¾, knocked out Jerry Levigne, Montreal, in one. Ralph Reagan, 180½, Roxbury, stopped Mike Gagne, 179, Fall River, in three.

Auditorium—Joey Angelo, Providence, beat Patsy Brandino, Hamilton, Ont., in ten. Young Junior, 132½, Springfield, beat Jerry Levigne, 118, Montreal, in six. Mal Evans, 126, Providence, knocked out Joe Morrissette, 130, Fall River, in one. Jerry King, 132½, Providence, stopped Packy O'Neil, 134, Springfield, in three.

Auditorium—Johnny Greco, 149½, Montreal, knocked out George Martin, 151¾, Boston, in six. Art Tatta, 158½, New Haven, knocked out Johnny Murphy, 156¼, Worcester, Mass., in two. Larry Villeneuve, 156, Providence, beat Jim Pettie, 157, Woburn, Mass., in six. Tommy Collins, 120, Boston, again knocked out Tony Roche, 123¾, Boston, in one. Sal Amoroso, 130, Boston, beat Mal Evans, 126½, Providence, in four. Bobby Fuller, 141½, Boston, won a split decision over Jerry King, 136½, Providence, in four.

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FISTIC NEWS IN EDMONTON AND CALGARY, CAN.

By WALT MARLOW

FOLLOWERS of fistiana in Alberta sat in on three "title bouts" during the months of February and March. The Al Slater-Tony Roberts Canadian featherweight clash took place in Calgary on Feb. 26, Next came the Alberta lightweight affair at Viking on March 14, featuring Georgie Mazurenko and Billy Green, won by Mazurenko, and last came the Gordie Grayston-Verne Esco Canadian heavyweight tangle in Edmonton on March 18. Esco, the champion, made the first defence of his title in grand style—knocking out the Westerner in the fifth.

With a big summer season being planned by Alberta promoters, boxing appears to be well on its way to regaining the high popularity it held prior to the war.

On the agenda for the months to come is a probable return go between Grayston and Esco. In Calgary, Ernie Farr, looking after the affairs of the newly crowned Canadian featherweight champ, Al Slater, is readying Slater for a defense of his title. In Edmonton, Capital City promoters have Roddy MacDonald, whose last performances were in and around New York. MacDonald is slated to mix it with Western Canada's light-heavyweight champ, Joe Trudeau. Also a probable match is the Benny Geary-Tommy Deschambeault welterweight battle. They have been scheduled to do battle a number of times, but something always cropped up to prevent the clash.

If the present plans of Alberta promoters materialize, there should be plenty of fighting along the beak-busting boulevard.

Results of the preliminaries to the Gordie Grayston-Verne Esco heavyweight battle at Edmonton, March 18th, were as follows:

In the semi-windup, Tony Boguski, Lethbridge, handed Alberta's newly crowned lightweight champion, George Mazurenko, his first pro defeat. The Southerner piled up an early lead to cop the six-rounder, which, incidentally, was the best fight of the night.

In two other sixes, both of which ended in quick knockouts, Jimmy Nolan, 148, Calgary, stepped Danny Roberts, 149, Edmonton, in the first, and in the other, Hal Kilgour, Calgary middleweight, scored his sixth straight K.O. in icing Bill LaPointe, Vancouver, also in the first.

The four-round opener saw Hec Fillion, Cornwall, Ont., now fighting out of Edmonton, score his first professional win. The victim was Bill Calhoun, Lethbridge. The final verdict was a split decision. They were welterweights.

Georgie Mazurenko, 132, Edmonton, copped the Alberta lightweight championship on March 14 when he scored a sixth-round K.O. over Billy Green, 130, Calgary, at Viking.

Scheduled for eight rounds, Green started off good, winning the first four rounds, but from then on, Mazurenko was the boss. Green was on the canvas for a six-count in the fifth, and early in the sixth was sent down for keeps from a terrific left hook.

In the six-round semi, Danny Roberts, 149, Edmonton, made his professional debut by whipping Gord Gray, 150, Viking, in six. Gray got off to a good start but weakened as the fight progressed.

Joe (Rocky) Sutter, 155, Viking, made his pro debut a terrific success in stopping Louie Demers, 165, Morinville, in the first of a scheduled six. The loss was the first for Demers in pro competition.

The four-rounders saw Dave Reeve, 170, Hardisty, decision Cowboy Allan Brown, 155, Viking, and in the opener, Lindsay Thunnel, 133, Viking, decisioned Sterling Tyler, 132, Edmonton.

The show was promoted by the writer.

Jack Jenkins, who was "roped" in to promote boxing after the Vancouver Commission had disposed of Gene Mason—who has since gone to Winnipeg—is no longer in circulation either. After Jenkins had given coast fans a terrific show featuring Phil Palmer and Tony Olivera, the Commission decided they wanted a new arranger. Wonder how long they'll let the next one stay?

The Verne Esco-Gordon Grayston Canadian heavyweight battle staged in Edmonton, March 18th, won by Esco in the fifth, proved that Capital City fans are boxing conscious beyond any doubt. Attended by an estimated 3,220, the gross receipts ran around $7.000.

Roddy MacDonald, the Edmonton middleweight sensation who won 10 of 12 starts in and around New York, has joined the Edmonton City Police Force. MacDonald returned to Edmonton some months ago due to hand injuries. He broke his right flipper three times while in the East and twice while still in the Canadian Army.

Just when and where Gordie Grayston and Verne Esco will clash again isn't a certainty at this writing. The return go may be held in Vancouver, Edmonton, or Toronto. As to when—possibly in July or August.

Heard from Doc Bradley, Miami, Florida, manager. He'd like to show some of his boys in Canadian rings. Ready to go are Billy Peterson, colorful Montana welter, Irish Jackie Hogan, and Billy Britton, middleweight.

Edmonton fans will remember having seen Peterson perform while in the Capital City with the U. S. Army. Billy was a leading figure in the Alaskan Division Golden Gloves, 1944-45.

Unattached fighters contact the writer if you want action. The address—10361-98 St., Edmondton, Can.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS

By C. W. STEELE

ACE McCLOSKEY, 158, Dartmouth, stopped Pat Davis, 159, Saint John, N.B., in the fourth of the scheduled ten-round feature at Promoter Joey McDonald's Sporting Club, Charlottetown, P.E.I. It was a free swinging affair. McCloskey began to find the range in the third, decking the game Davis, and twice more in the fourth to punch him out of the picture.

In the scheduled semi-final six, Harry Poulton, Island lightweight champ, chilled Red McPhail, Pictou, in round one.

Beau Jack outpointed Tiger Steele in six rounds. Both of Charlottetown.

Georgie Peterson surprised in stopping Rocky Mills in one.

Bud Long belted out Kid Ryan in the fourth and Emmet Gallant got the nod over Kid Reid.

Richard Kid Howard, 130, Halifax, kayoed Kid Adshade, 134, Glace Bay, N.S., in the fifth of the scheduled ten at Halifax, N.S. These two lightweights fought like pit terriers, neither backing up an inch. Howard roared back from a nine count knockdown and midway in the fifth Howard sizzled over a right hand flush on the whiskers to stop Adshade cold as an iceberg.

The supporting bouts were action packed throughout. Harold Schultz, 132, Halifax, drew in the six-round semi-final with the rough Percy Paris, 133, New Glasgow, N.S.

Chuck Orman, 125, Halifax, added another one to his string of knockouts, when he chilled Jimmy Steeves, 133, Truro, in the fifth, and Steve Connolly decisioned Ray Hamill in a lively encounter.

We would appreciate receiving boxers' pictures for distribution among fans who write us requesting them.

Bucky Sampson, Sydney welter who was in the big battle over there, is training a large squad of amateurs who are young in years but veterans in experience. "Bucky" is out with a challenge to any team in the Maritimes.

Yours truly may take over Maxie Gibson, a promising prospect. Unattached fighters in the Maritimes, Amateur or Pro, contact the writer if you are seeking action.

The writer's address: 197 Charlotte Street, Sydney, N. S.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND

By GEORGE ROSS

AL NIMMONS of Adams, Mass., and Joe Morucco of North Adams, Mass., will open Meadowbrook Arena Boxing Club at North Adams, Mass. The club has been rebuilt to seat 3,500.

Holyoke, Mass. Valley Arena Results—Johnny Parker K.O.'ed Russ Bernstein in the second round. Jimmy Reidy of Palmer, Mass., won a six-rounder from Pete Boulais. Billy Sanders of Springfield, Mass., K.O.'ed Johnny Green in the first. Emil Evans of Westover Field won a six-rounder from Jackie Maddox. Bobby Ruffin won a ten-rounder over Charley Noel.

Cleo Shans T.K.O.'ed Lou Lombardi in the seventh. Davey Cohen of Los Angeles won a six-round bout from Charlie Finley of New York.

Al Priest of Boston, Mass., stopped Jimmy Henderson of Paterson, N. J., in the ninth round. Vic Haler of Springfield, Mass., won a knockout victory over Jack Deckers of Pittsfield, Mass., in the second. Walker Coombs of Suffield, Conn., won a six-rounder over Billy Williams of Boston, Mass. Billy Sanders K.O.'ed Jimmy Daniels of Hartford, Conn., in the first. Jimmy Reidy of Palmer, Mass., won a four-rounder from Ray Charrette of Willimansett, Mass.

Baron Cohen, former matchmaker of the Valley Arena, under the late Homer Rainault, has again been appointed to succeed Charlie Johnson as matchmaker by Oreal Rainault, the present promoter.

The Thompsonville, Conn., Club will open soon, featuring amateurs on Thursdays and professionals on Tuesdays.

Al Caroly and George Sheppard will operate at the West Springfield Dog Track.

The Holyoke Club will operate outdoors this summer at MacKenzie Field, under the Valley Arena charter.

Billy Miller expects to get going at Saratoga, New York, soon. Billy was matchmaker at Ludlow, Mass., before being taken sick, but he has since fully recovered.

Billy LaMay is keeping Jimmy Reidy busy. Reidy has been winning most of his fights. Ralph McNeil has hung up the gloves. The Mohawk Gym, Dwight Street, Springfield, Mass., is a busy spot these days. Tommy Jessup, Saint Paul, Bobby Pryor, Sammy Walker, Young Junior, Dolly King, Vic Haler, Sammy Hall, Billy Sanders and others train there daily under Chris Corbett.

FROM MICHIGAN'S RINGS

By BUD JOHNS

NINE professional boxing shows were presented Michigan fight fans during March. Bert Lamb continued as the most active promoter with four shows at the Arena in Flint. Tommy Cussans had one show at the IMA in Flint; Nick Londes had one show at the Olympia in Detroit, and fans in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Saginaw were each presented with one card.

On March 4 Freddie Dawson, fine Chicago lightweight, stopped Bobby McQuillar's winning streak by taking the decision in the ten-round main event at the Arena. Dawson weighed 135 and the Port Huron counter puncher was one pound lighter.

Jimmy Mulligan, Lowell, Mass., middleweight, was no match for Jimmie Edgar of Detroit, and was floored seven times before the bout was stopped at 1:19 of the second. The fight was the main event on the March 11 show at the Arena.

Jock Leslie of Flint continued to bang his way toward the top of the featherweight ratings as he earned an eight-round T.K.O. over Tony Costa of Woonsocket, R. I., at Tommy Cussan's show at Flint's IMA, March 14. Costa was on the deck for a nine-count in the fourth and counts of nine and three in the sixth. The bout was stopped in 1:32 of the eighth.

In the six-round semi-final, Bennie McCombs, Flint middleweight, floored Pete Hammond of Chicago for counts of eight and six and then rocked him to sleep with an explosive left hook in 2:25 of the first. Eddie Garland, Flint lightweight, battered Pete Iberri of Chicago all over the ring in another sixer.

The winning streak of Eddie O'Neil, 153, was snapped by Bert Lytell, 155, of Fresno, California, in the main event of Bert Lamb's March 18 show at the Arena. The verdict was close but unanimous.

Canadian middleweight champion Cliff Beckett was T.K.O.'ed by Lou Woods, 159-pound Detroiter, in the fourth round at Grand Rapids, March 18. In the six-round semi-final, O. W. Branch, 150, of Flint, took the decision from Doyle Hirt, 148, Grand Rapids.

Only 600 Kalamazoo fans turned out March 19 to see Lew Hardman of Jackson lose by a T.K.O. to Jimmy Palmer of New York. Hardman was on the canvas at the end of the second and was unable to answer the bell for the third. Palmer weighed 155 and Hardman was four pounds heavier.

Jimmy Edgar copped the unanimous decision in the ten-rounder with John (Deacon) Brown of Baltimore at the Arena March 25. Edgar weighed 167 and Brown tipped the scales at 166. 1,265 fans paid $2,359 to see the show.

Red LeVasseur, 138, Bay City, chilled Willie Dominquez' plans for Harold Jones by taking a ten-round decision from the 135-pound Detroiter in the main event at Saginaw March 27. In the six-round semi Eugene Bell, 145, Detroit, decisioned Ernie Montroy, 148, Bay City. In fours: Ed Bogart, 142, Toledo, outpointed Tiger Tyson, 149, Port Huron; Harold Shelbrock, 147, Saginaw, topped Willie King, 148, Flint; and Danny Boy Wood, 133, Saginaw, beat Kid Puerto Rico, 132, Detroit.

Nick Londes' February bout between Pete Mead of Grand Rapids and Sonny Horne was a success and he rematched the boys at the Olympia in March. This time the Michigan middleweight reversed the previous decision to give him a two to one edge over Horne in their three bouts.

Behind The Ring Post—Bob Amos is the boy to watch among the light-heavies. Eddie Futch is bringing Bob along at a careful pace and Amos is responding by working hard. . . . Ray Barnes, the Detroit welterweight, is another boy who is progressing rapidly. . . . Barnes and Amos are both undefeated at this writing.

Managers seeking the services of a publicist are invited to contact me at P. O. Box 177, Flint, Michigan. . . . The Paul Revere and George Williams gyms in Detroit are the scenes of most of the Michigan training activities.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND

By MARK FANNON

BY reading Nat Fleischer's new 1947 Record Book we find that many of the fighters we were associated with in Europe during the war have continued their glove tossing as civilians with good success.

Leo Matriciani, who boxed Louis, Conn and Mills, continues undefeated in the heavyweight class. Willard Reed, one of Leo's opponents over there, is also going well according to the latest RING Magazine. Bobby Volk, Vince Padilla and Joe Lucignano, all 8th Air Force champs, are doing all right, too. Bobby just recently knocked out Fred Apostoli in one heat, while Joe has run up an impressive list of wins.

These revealing facts and many more will be found in the 1947 Record Book. It should be in the possession of every boxing enthusiast.

Most stunning upset in New England during the past month was, without a doubt, Johnny Shkor's seven-round T.K.O. over Tami Mauriello, leading contender for the heavyweight crown.

Saco, Maine — Charley Early, 149½, San Francisco, fighting with success in this district, K.O.'ed Blackie Noel, 148, Montreal, in the sixth; Rusty Janelle, 170, Biddeford, stopped Ed Robinson, 161, Falmouth, Me., 5.

Salem, Mass.—Tommy Greb, 132½, southpaw Italian, former N. E. lightweight champ, beat tough Johnny Boufard, 129, Quebec City, 10; Johnny Coe, 140, Medford, K.O.'ed Matty Robinson, 145, Boston, 5.

Fitchburg, Mass.—Larry Pacino, heavy at 166, won in 10 over Negro Jimmy Pettie, 158, Woburn; Billy O'Toole, 141, Charlestown, protege of Honey Mellody, outpointed Tiger Flowers, 147, Worcester, 6; Ike Stevenson, 150, Framingham, won over Johnny Murphy, 157, Negro, of Worcester, 6; Ace Wallace, 167, Roxbury, beat Billy Williams, 174, Lowell, 6.

Presque Isle, Maine—Gil Williams, 195, this city, K.O.'ed old Pat Devine, 195, former amateur star of Boston, 4; Larry Sellers, 161, Bangor, kayoed Art Hafford, 161, Presque Isle, 1. This is another of the many small clubs opening up in the state.

Fall River, Mass.—Johnny LaRusso, 132, Brooklyn, outpointed Leo Mucucci, 131, Portland, 10; Gene LeBlanc, 143, Fall River, outpointed Henry Polowitzer, 140, Hartford, 8.

Augusta, Maine—Jerry Lavigne, 116, Montreal, kayoed the Maine flyweight champ, Tony Bellevance, 112, Augusta, in the 4th; veteran Jack Dubois, 173, Waterville, kayoed Dave White, 175, Brunswick, 3.

Rockland, Maine—Ray Daoust, 132, clever Montreal boxer, beat Mimac Indian Isaac Thomas, 134, Bangor, 8; Blaine Macomber, 154, Guilford, Me., outpointed Sailor McKinnon, 154, Berlin, N. H., 6.

Rumford, Maine—Charley Early, 149, San Francisco, beat tough Jerry (Rock) Boisvert, 152, Lewiston, 10; Phil Roderique, 149, Montreal, kayoed Whitey Toothman, 148, Rumford, 2.

Worcester, Mass.—Clint Perry, brother of the Brown Bomber, 158, Marston Mills, Mass., outpointed Jimmy Henderson, 157, Paterson, N. J., 10; Johnny Murphy, 159, Worcester, stopped Johnny Lawler, 163, Roxbury, 3.

Boston Arena—Johnny Shkor, 219½, Boston, forced himself into the heavyweight picture by taking a seven-round T.K.O. victory over Tami Mauriello, 200, New York. Tami was not in favor of stopping the bout and protested vigorously. He took a punch at one of the principals and was suspended for thus doing. It mattered little because Tami, cut badly about the face which required 20 stitches, must wait many weeks to be in battle condition.

Eldridge Eatman, 191, Norwalk, Conn., beat Howard Thompson, 209, Saugus, Mass., 8; Sammy White, 142, Medford, outpointed Vince Callahan, 144½, Boston, 6; Jackie Walker, 152½, Boston, won over Charlie Sardo, 155, Revere, 4.

South Berwick, Maine—George Pelletier, 191, Dover, N. H., a new heavyweight for New Hampshire to brag about, scored another K.O. in disposing of Gene Roy, 180, Berlin, N. H., 2.

Brunswick, Maine—Eddie Letourneau, 147, Sanford, made short work of Maurice Beauchene, 145, Brunswick, by knocking him out in one frame.

Boston Arena—"Buddy" Hayes, 128¼, Boston, won a 10-round decision over Joey Longo, 127, Baltimore; Frankie Duane, 138, Newark, N. J., outpointed Marcel Therriault, 133½, Montreal, 8; Billy Murray, 136½, Boston, beat Andy Best, 140, Montreal, 6; Marcel LaChapelle, 123, Montreal, won over Leon Hutson, 124, Cambridge, 6; Tony Genovese, 149, Boston, kayoed Billy Anderson, 150, Lowell, 2; Jimmy Sullivan, 124, Boston, stopped Johnny O'Keefe, 124½, Lowell, 4.

Lewiston, Maine—Jerry Boisvert, 155, Lewiston, kayoed George Prince, 155, Worcester, 2; Ray Daoust, 131, Montreal, beat Bud Labbe, 132, Lewiston, 6; Sailor McKinnon, 152, Berlin, N. H., outpointed Phil Roderique, 152½, Lewiston, 6.

Lowell, Mass.—Johnny Priest, 136, Cambridge, kayoed Jimmy Neal, 135, Philadelphia, 5; Billy O'Toole, 140, Charlestown, won over Pat Shannon, 140, Everett, 8; Mickey Maguire, 127, Boston, outpointed Frankie Martin, 128, Boston, 8.

Salem, Mass.—Jackie Harris, 130, Malden, outpointed Oliver Desmarais, 135, Manchester, N. H., 10; Tony Campo, 139, Boston, and Johnny Campinha, 135, Brockton, drew, 6.

Bangor, Maine—Johnny Hayes, 180, Negro boy of Roxbury on comeback, kayoed Johnny Wilbur, 178, Staten Island, N. Y., 2; Blaine Macomber, 146, Guilford, stopped Nap James, 140, Biddeford, Me., 4.

Portland, Maine—Cleve Bailey, 167, Vineland, N. J., proved too smart for knockout puncher Charley Babcock, 172, Bangor, and took the 10-round decision; Willie Leo, 130, Portland, T.K.O.'ed Flash Fisher, 135, Rochester, N. H., 5; Ted Brassley, 155, Portland, and Al Tanquay, 159, Lewiston, drew, 5.

Burlington, Vermont—Dave Castilloux, 137, Montreal, kayoed Vermont's best card and fighter when he beat Buster Beaupre, 142, of Burlington, in the 7th; Bernie Cummings, 158, Burlington, outpointed Guy Deroy, 158, Montreal, 6.

Fall River—Ted Lowry, 180, New Haven, scored one of his best recent victories in whipping rugged Steve Ketchel, 202, of Fall River in 10 rounds; Johnny Cool, 133, Worcester, stopped Lou Jackson, 139, New Haven, 2.

Keene, N. H.—Doc Blanchard, 127, Cambridge, kayoed Johnny O'Keefe, 124, Lowell, in 3; Art Coll, 148, Jaffrey, kayoed Pat Martino, 156, Brattleboro, Vt., 3.

Worcester—Al Costa, 152, Woonsocket, R. I., turned back up-and-coming Jimmy Sauer, 154, Cambridge, 10; Vic Young, 128½, Saco, Me., kayoed Bobby English, 132, Fall River, 6.

Athol, Mass.—Johnny Priest, 136, Cambridge, outpointed Marcel Therriault, 131, Montreal, 8; Emil Evans, 153, Westover Field, outpointed Johnny Murphy, 156, Worcester, 6; Paul Allard, 148, Gardner, outpointed Red Cap Cooper, 147, Springfield, 4.

Augusta, Maine—Blackie Noel, 144, Montreal, outpointed Al Michaud, 150, Lisbon, Me., 8; Ray Daoust, 130, Montreal, beat Bud Labbe, 134, Lewiston, once more, 6; Phil Roderique, 154, Lewiston, outpointed Sailor Boy McKinnon, 150, Berlin, 6.

South Berwick, Me.—Frankie Burley, 155, Dover, N. H., knocked out Kid Chocolate, 152, Boston, 3; George Pelletier, 185, Dover, and Frank Palermo, 195, New York, drew, 6.

Rumford, Maine—Leo Mucucci, 130, busy punching feather of Portland, kayoed Dusty Rivest, 129, Montreal, in 3 heats; Dave White, 180, Brunswick, outpointed Johnny Lawless, 182, Portland, 6.

Boston Arena—Johnny Cesario, 144½, N. E. welterweight champ, outpointed Willie Joyce, 139½, Gary, Ind., in a 10-round surprise win; Charley Early, 147, San Francisco, won over Lee Jones, 140½, Philadelphia, 6; Tony Genovese, 149, Boston, beat Mike Saad (Ryan), 148, Manchester, 4; Billy Murray, 138, Boston, stopped Red Perkins, 140, Lynn, 5; Marcel LaChapelle, 124½, Montreal, won over Marty Pemba, 129, Boston, 6.

Lowell—Johnny Campbell, 130, Brewer, Me., and the Blond Tiger, 127, Lowell, battled to a draw, 10; Charley Celeste, 130, Boston, kayoed Joe Hebert, 128, Lowell, 1.

Lewiston—Al Couture, 146, Lewiston, stopped Eddie Letourneau, 147, Sanford, Me., 5, to retain his Maine welterweight championship; Norm Bennett, 147, Auburn, outpointed Mickey Dillon, 131, Portland, 6.

Fitchburg—Doc Blanchard, 127, Cambridge, stopped Isaac Thomas, 131, Bangor, 2; Bobby Paris, 139, Fitchburg, outpointed Leon Jackson, 136, Boston, 6, in his first pro bout; Ralph Regan, 181, Medford, stopped Johnny Resto, 195, Boston, 1.

Saco, Maine—Vic Young, 127, Saco, stopped Ivan Jones, 124, Portland, 4; Al Tanguay, 157, Lewiston, outpointed Gil Gilson, 160, Biddeford, 6.

Salem—Tommy Greb, 134½, Boston, won over Joe Monteiro, 129, Don Hamill's hard hitting featherweight from Wareham, Mass., 10; Sammy White, 143, Boston, outpointed Johnny Coe, 144, Medford, 6; Billy Williams, 170, Lowell, won over Johnny Lawler, 166, Boston, 6.

Bangor, Maine—Frankie Burley, 158, Dover, N. H., knocked out Jack Dubois, 163, Waterville, 4; Bob Burley, 150, Dover, knocked out Georgie Chapman, 150, Bangor, 3.

Fall River—Tony Ferry, 194, Fall River, finished fast to take a ten-round decision over Pete Louthis, 192, Cumberland, R. I., 10; Benny Delgado, 145, Providence, outpointed Tiger Flowers, 149, Worcester, 6.

Rochester, N. H.—Leo LeBlond, 135, Lisbon, Me., kayoed Pedro Corchado, 132, New Bedford, 4.

Barre, Vermont—Dom Sinibaldi, 147, Berlin, N. H., outpointed Ruby Margolin, 145, Montreal, 10; Danny McKinnon, 147, Berlin, kayoed Al Rocheleau, 146, Montreal, 6.

Boston Garden—Blond Lee Savold, 206, Paterson, N. J., veteran heavyweight, proved too smart for Duilio (The Great) Spagnolo, 185, Milan, Italy, and stopped him in the 8th, in the Italian's first bout in the States. Savold seemed to be holding back in the early rounds but opened up in the seventh to score decisively.

Johnny Hayes, 180½, Roxbury, outpointed Eddie Boden, 174, Boston, 6; George Fitch, 210, New Haven, knocked out Lonnie Clark, 211, Pittsburgh, 1; Johnny Woods, 144, Roxbury, outpunched Jennings Brotherton, 138½, South Boston, 6; Joe DeAngelis, 197, Charlestown, made his pro debut by flattening Charlie Metina, 187, New Haven, 1.

Rockland, Maine—Billy Lancaster, 152, Portland, lost a close 10-round decision to Jerry Boisvert, 155, Lewiston, 10; Frankie Belanger, 140, Lewiston, stopped Charlie Wooster, 130, Rockland, 5.

Augusta, Maine—Jackie Fisher, 192, Waterville, T.K.O.'ed Billy Shaw, 184, Montreal, 6.

Worcester—Eddie Soares, 158, Providence, knocked out Carl McFadden, 157, Bangor, in the 3rd of a torrid punching duel; Eddie Richmond, 140, Providence, flattened Paul Allard, 145, Gardner, 3; Joe Girard, 161, Worcester, knocked out Johnny Lawler, 165, Boston, 2.

South Berwick, Me.—Ray Daoust, 131, Montreal, lost a close decision to George Renault, 130, Lowell, 6; Eddie Gilson, 160, Biddeford, and Eddie Robinson, 160, Portland, drew, 6.

Boston Arena—Jack Armstrong, 132, Boston, shaded the willing Ernie Petrone, 137, Philadelphia, in a ten-round bout. Petrone got off to a good start but the amazing Spider had the tricks to come through; Bill Tordiglione, 145, North End, looked good in knocking out youthful Tommy Reardon, 144, Brockton, 2; Leon Hutson, 124½, Cambridge, won a split decision over Tony Ferry, 129, Fall River, 6; Joe Rindone, 164, Roxbury, kayoed Charlie Burley, 158½, Dover, 2.

Belfast, Me.—Frankie Anderson, 160, Belfast, kayoed Kid Chocolate, 162, Boston, 1.

Lewiston, Me.—Ted Drew, 152½, Lewiston, outpointed Al Michaud, 150, Lisbon, 8; Dave White, 178, Harpswell, outpointed Johnny Lawless, 178, Portland, 8.

Salem—Steve Kronis, 129, Boston, kayoed Oliver Desmarais, 134, Manchester, with four punches in the first round; Jackie Walker, 153, Boston, stopped Charlie Sardo, 157, Revere, 3.

West Yarmouth, Mass. — Blond Tiger, 130, Lowell, outpointed Henry Polowitzer, 135, Hartford, 10, as boxing resumed at the Rainbow Ballroom. Willie Pep refereed the main event, and Johnny Cesario refereed the other bouts.

Fred Ramsey, 190, Cambridge, knocked out Bob Halliday, 191, Boston, 4.

Fall River—Gene LeBlanc, 140, Fall River, stopped Lucio Lima, 146, Fall River, 7; Vince Callahan, 146, Boston, outpointed Johnny Cool, 136, Worcester, 8.

Burlington, Vt.—Buster Beaupre, 142, Burlington, fought to a draw with Jasper O'Hanley, 140, Montreal, 10.

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BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA

By JACK LEVINSON

BOXING was at a standstill in this locality last month. Only the amateurs competed for the right to represent Virginia in the National Championships at Boston.

The Tidewater Boxing Club has temporarily closed its doors because of lack of talent. They will reopen when a local gym is started to develop boys from this section to recreate interest.

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ARKANSAS AND LOUISIANA FLASHES
By CLYDE SMITH

SHREVEPORT, La.—An all-professional boxing card, each bout scheduled for four rounds, was staged to help develop talent. Results: George Miller, 130, Shreveport, and Clyde Eledge, 135, of Tallulah, La., draw. Joey Angie of Barksdale Field, decision over Glenn Finley of Natchez, Miss. Billy Wilson, 128, decision over Perry Watts, both from Shreveport. Jimmy Reed, Barksdale Field, light-heavyweight, knocked out Lee Hanson (3), Jerry Sargent of Tallulah, La., knocked ou Joe Mercier of Tyler, Texas (1). Don Meyers knocked out Sergu Alvarez, 169, second round. Both from Barksdale Field. Ted Robinson T.K.O.'ed Ted Boesman (2). Jimmy Holmes, 185, T.K.O.'ed Zeke Allen, 175 (3).

Pine Bluffs, Ark., March 18—Bob Sikes, Pine Bluff heavyweight, knocked out Jesse Phillips, 215, first round if a 10-round bout. Bobby Trent, 150, Oklahoma City, decisioned Troy Gray, 156, of England, Ark. (6). Doyle Davis, 164, Little Rock, knocked out Carroll Gibson, 165, Memphis (5). Jimmy Farris, 140, Harrisburg, Ark., T.K.O.'ed Gene White, 142, Memphis (3). Rocky Hill, 165, Negro, knocked out Johnny Aycox, 163, Negro (2).

Shreveport, La., March 27—Shreveport held another professional boxing card with four-round bouts. Results: Danny Boesman knocked out Don Partin (2), Joe Chapman of Longview, Texas, knocked out Joe Mercier of Tyler, Texas (1). Victor Grosjean decisioned Bobby Wilcox (4). Morris Brantley decisioned King Talley (4). Clyde Elledge T.K.O.'ed Pinky Silverberg (4). Joe Guick K.O.'ed Lionel Priest (1). Wayne Martin K.O.'ed Roy Cody (2). Joey Angie stopped Ted Robinson (3). Jerry Sargent T.K.O.'ed Jimmy Reed (4).

Little Rock, Ark., March 27—Winners and results of Arkansas A.A.U. finals and champion:
112—Johnny Smith, Subiaco Academy, decisioned Jack Pearson, Clarksville, Ark.
126—Jimmy King, Little Rock, decisioned Kenneth Larsen, Clarksville.
135—John Miles, Hot Springs, decisioned William Manzanti, State Teachers' College.
147—Alfred Mobley, Ark. Tech, knocked out William McNail, No. Little Rock (2).
160—Henry Fitzgibbons, Little Rock, T.K.O.'ed Lawrence Palidino, Subiaco Academy (2).
175—Rodney Wells knocked out J. W. Mount, Ark. Tech. (3).
Heavy—Noel Haskins, Ark. Tech., decisioned Richard Cardwell, Ark. Tech.

Special Notice—Yours truly will not manage any boxers or promote any bouts until further notice. I have gone in the canning business. I will continue my column in THE RING. Thanks to all my good friends. Will answer all letters. See you next month.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

ST. PAUL AUDITORIUM—March 17—Howard Bleyhl, Madison, Minnesota, 149, knocked out Harvey Dubs, Windsor, Can., in the eighth round of a great fight before 6000 fans. This was the fifth main event Bleyhl has headlined in St. Paul.

Mike Sopka, Chicago, 157, won the decision over Johnny McGrand, Rochester, 162, in the six-round semi-windup. Del Cockayne, 139, Des Moines, won a disputed decision over Booker Ellis, St. Paul, 142, in a six-round bout. Dick Bighley, St. Paul, 137, and Merle Van Cleve, Mankato, 138, boxed a four-round draw. Buzz Brown, 149, won the decision over Eddie Simmons, Sioux City, Ia., 152, in a four-rounder.

Rochester, Minn.—Jackie Graves, Austin, 128, won a ten-round decision over Johnny Grady, Chicago, in a ten-round main event. Johnny McGrand, Rochester, 162, won on a T.K.O. over Roy Thomas, 159, St. Paul, in the fifth round, when Referee Jack Gibbons stopped the fight. Thomas had a bad cut over his left eye. Blain Young, St. Paul, 160, making his pro start, knocked out Vern Collins, Pasco, in the second round. Bobby Marshall, Minneapolis, 175, knocked out Ray Johnson, Minneapolis, 169, in the second round.

Emmett Weller is now the manager of Buzz Brown, welterweight, and Norm Mastrian, Minneapolis featherweight. Weller has the largest bunch of pro and amateur fighters in the northwest.

Less Johnson, Minneapolis, is the manager of Howard Bleyhl, welterweight. Dick Daniels, a good heavyweight ten years ago, is now a manager. He has a heavyweight by the name of Jimmy Maloney. John Salvator, former promoter in St. Paul and a good welterweight in his day is a game warden in Minnesota. John and Mike Ertle are packing them in at Stillwater, Minn., in the tavern business.

Bob Smolik, West 7th lightweight, has won four bouts in the amateur ranks and will turn pro in the near future.

Frankie (Glass) Gruber is the boxing instructor at the C.Y.O., in St. Paul.

One of the best prospects is Dick Bighley, St. Paul lightweight. He has had two pro fights and shows a lot of class for a beginner.

Charley (Chuck) Hensel, the fighting machine from Watertown, is busy taking on all comers in the middleweight class. Bob Morley from Sioux City has a good string of professional fighters.

Send in your news to this column before the 5th of the month to 133 West 7th St., in St. Paul.

FANFARE from MISSOURI
By ROBERT B. DANA

JIM RICHIE, Missouri's leading light-heavyweight, made news last month by losing his first fight, amateur or pro. Jim blew a unanimous decision to Fitzie Fitzpatrick in ten rounds and thereby disappointed his army of well wishers who have had a rooting interest in him since his halcyon amateur days back in 1940. On the same card Milton Jones continued winning by defeating Baby Sims of New York in an eight round semi-final. In the curtain raiser, Lou Gray, local Golden Glove 160-pound champion, turned in his inaugural professional win at the expense of 'Sleepy' John Gulley, whom he floored for a nine-count in the second of four rounds.

Dick Newcomb's second show at the Auditorium, unlike his initial presentation, provided a thrill packed evening except for a dull six-rounder between Jerry Marshall and Leroy Bolden. Maxie Shapiro defeated Humberto Zavala in the feature bout and Freddie Latson whipped Paddy O'Leary in the semi-windup. Jim Bull got a break but looked pretty terrific in kayoing Young Joe Louis of Kansas City in the first round. Joe Danos of Denver, a French-Irishman with a Greek name, stole the show by stopping Wally Rogers in the last round of the first bout.

Though Shapiro's showing against Zavala left a lot to be desired, his margin of victory was definite if slight. Certainly it didn't justify the rhubarb which followed the decision. The latter in all likelihood was fomented by an ill advised segment of the betting fraternity, which admitted losing money on the outcome at long odds.

POINT, COUNTERPOINT: Big Jim Williams, alias Kid Riviera, has been going great guns in and out of town. Following his kayo of Bill Poland at the Auditorium, he belted out Tex Bodie in Omaha in six. . . . Art the Cooper is back from Chicago, having won three out of four in the Windy City. . . . Wonder if it would be conducive to the Life of Riley to match him with Art? . . . As were this year's Golden Gloves so were the A.A.U.'s. The saddest ever. . . . St. Louis amateur teams are returning to the dismal days when they were laughingly referred to as the 'First Nighters', the implication being that after the first round they were all en route whence they came. . . . The term Chicago decision can be locally translated as South Broadway decision after that Granderson bee-oot. . . . Worse'n the Army, so help us.

FIGHTS IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.
By LARRY JONAS

CHARLES SALAS figured in three of the four cards held at Madison Square Garden this past month, taking the headline spotlight in two main events. The popular welterweight managed to wind up with an average of .333, winning one, losing one and being held to a draw.

Against Torpedo Reid of Chicago Charlie had an easy time and romped off with a one-sided decision. The Windy City boy fought only in spurts and looked none too impressive at his best.

On the same card, Milo Leyvas and Kid Lopez, also welterweights, staged a Pier 6 brawl for six rounds. Referee Ray Martinez awarded the decision to Leyvas.

In the semi-final, the venerable Billy Hale, 135½, found the going tough against Bobby Philput, 132, and dropped all six rounds. Bobby's left was plenty cute and seldom missed its target.

Billy Sparks, and Mike de la Rosa, featherweights, fought a fast four-round draw, and in the opening four Tom Ballie, 142, decisioned Chuey Lopez, 144.

The local practice of having baseball players and other visiting firemen as judges in main events should be brought to a halt. Fights should be judged by experts, not by pitchers or third basemen, regardless of their prowess on the diamond.

Charlie Salas dropped a close one to Rudy Davila in 8 rounds. Despite his artful dodging, Charlie experienced more than a little difficulty with the Los Angeles sharpshooter, but his superior boxing earned him a slight edge.

The semi-final was a farce, with Tony Martin putting on a clumsy exhibition against Bob Scott in six. Both were woefully inept and went the distance to a chorus of hoots and laughs. Martin was considerably overweight at 222. Scott scaled 197.

In the other events, Tom Ballie, 138, K.O.'ed Lee Sherman, 135, in the fourth, and Cary Mays, 159, slugged it out with Lit Perez, 153, in a fast four-round draw. In a six-round affair, Milo Leyvas, 138, defeated Frank Martinez, 135.

The main event between welterweights Jimmie Shans and Hugh Stell was stopped in the third and declared "no contest." The Phoenix boxing commission revoked the licenses of both fighters and withheld all but $50 of each "battler's" purse. The semi-final saw Billy Shelton, 146, giving a good account of himself in losing to Chief Crazy Horse, also 146. The six-rounder proved that the old warrior still can more than hold his own against most of the current crop of club fighters. In another six-round bout, Billy Hale, 140, decisioned Frank Martinez, 136. The opening event saw Billy Sparks, 133, K.O. Joey Hontz, 136, in the third.

Kid Hermosillo iced Jess Butler in the third. Butler proved to be a soft touch. After the match, the boxing commission picked up Butler's license but returned it after due consideration. If Butler was trying to make a fight of it, it certainly wasn't apparent on the surface. His knockout, though, was certainly the McCoy. Hermosillo weighed 172 to Butler's 179.

Charlie Salas met his match in the semi-final against Adolph Alonzo. The welterweights were evenly matched although the draw decision was hardly a popular one. We carded three rounds for Salas and three for Alonzo, an even split.

Heavyweights Tony Martin and Jimmy McDaniels tangled in another six-rounder with Tony chalking up a K.O. in the second.

The first two events on the card ended in knockouts. Carl Mays, 163, chilled Lester Brown, 154, in the first. Milo Leyvas, 143, iced Bill Davis, 147, in the third.

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VANCOUVER NEWS
By CHESTER NORTON

JACK JENKINS' first promotion venture drew a full house. Tony Olivera vs. Jackie Turner.

It was a rough, tough, struggle throughout the entire 10 rounds with Olivera continually on the offensive and Turner applying his usual 'jumping jack' tactics. A cut was opened on Turner's forehead during the sixth round and although the referee did not consider it bad enough to call the fight off, it was a nasty cut.

Billy Townsend turned up in the semi-final against Willie Parker of San Francisco and came through with a K.O. in 45 seconds of the second round. Parker was saved by the bell at the end of the first. Better opponents must be located for Belting Billy. The fighters he has been meeting are doing more harm than good to his career.

In the six-round special George Cote flattened Jimmie Simmons, a California Negro, in 2:15 of the second round, when the referee stopped the contest. Simmons was down four times in that round.

Vancouver's up and coming young bantamweight, Stan Almond, didn't look too good winning a four-round decision over Wally Stone of Tacoma. He has turned in much better performances.

The opener saw Leon Perret make his professional debut against Tacoma's Mike Findlay. Although dropped for two long counts in the second round, Perret managed to eke out a four-round decision.

Ring inactivity in Vancouver is driving many of the good fighters south. Vancouver boxers showed on two cards in the U. S. A. during the month. In Seattle, Phil Palmer won a fairly close decision over Buddy Hoffman. Palmer was a heavy favorite and Hoffman's showing surprised everyone including Buddy Hoffman. On the same card Bunty Andrews added another K.O. to his record when he stopped Bobby Shekles in the first round.

Three Vancouver boxers scored K.O.'s on Bellingham's first professional show in 10 years. George Cote stopped Bob Roberts in one round. Gordy McCrindle flattened Lucky Wolfe, welterweights, in three rounds, and Tommy Campbell K.O.'d Sylvester Owens in round 4.

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FROM PHILIPPINE RINGS
By FELIPE J. C. GALANGE

IN a boxing revival in Iloilo City under the auspices of the IMMA promotions, Gon Ladrazo, local ring veteran won an easy victory over Baby Freddie, Occ, Negro slugger, in the 10-round main event.

The semi-final between Little Pacana and Rufe de Asis was a slambang affair. De Asis was knocked out cold in the fifth round after he weathered a torrid and hectic fourth canto, in which he was floored for a count of nine.

Little Gustilo drew with Little Magdael in the special event. Zamora Kid won over Star Flores. Smiling Kulafu beat Star Mabilog. Smal Landrino drew with Star Dommy. Kid de los Reyes K.O.'ed Little Flores and Kid Ramos finished even with Battling Luis in the curtain raiser.

Little Nene of Manila won the Southern Luzon featherweight crown when Nick Peters of Rizal could no longer stand the punishment in the seventh round of a scheduled eight-round main event. The fight which was the main offering of the opening program of the Baybay Stadium in Siniloan, Laguna, was full of action.

Little Albert of Manila won over Rus Ocampo via the kayo route in the fifth canto.

King Tut, hard-hitting Baguio ringster, won a very close decision over Small Quintin, Iloilo's fisticuffer in the main attraction of the Fomento Nacional de Boxeo's initial fistic affair at Rizal Stadium.

Kid Independence, bantamweight champion of Greater Visayas, outpointed veteran Joe Mendiola in the supporting main event which proved to be a very dull fight from the start. Glen Hendershot, New York welter, won in the fourth round due to repeated fouls from Frank Martin. Star Naven halted Young Hernando in the fifth round in the semi-final. Hernando's face was badly cut before Referee Rocha stopped the fight in the fifth stanza.

Pancho Villa, Jr., son of the immortal Filipino world champion, Pancho Villa, thrilled the crowd with his aggressiveness which gave him the verdict over Baby Pingol. Pingol outweighed Panchito by nine pounds. Ric Navallasca outpointed Tony Pastor in the curtain-raiser.

Boy Brooks, local American Negro, who is the middleweight champion of the Philippines, retained his title when he knocked out Johnny Spoon, 1946 U. S. Army Pacific champion, in the third.

Jeffries Ware, former Negro amateur champion, knocked out Mar Bersabal, champion of the fighting Seabees, in the last round of the second supporting ten-rounder. Ware weighed 153, while Bersabal weighed 162 pounds.

Star Murillo, Visayan, lightweight champion, outclassed Kid Bascones, another Visayan ring veteran, in ten rounds. Young Benny, Cavite featherweight, stopped Baby Quintana in the fourth round.

Tommy Tim Ramos, local flyweight contender, decisioned Baby Jackson in another six-round semi-windup. Larry, Jr., Bataan bantam, outpointed Little Mercado, a veteran ringster, but only got a draw in six. Clever Sosoy, 110, was awarded another unpopular decision over Little Bascones, Tayuman 112-pounder, by Referee Ortega in the curtain-raiser.

Baby Baltazar, lightweight champion of the Philippines, had outclassed and outpunched Young Gildo, a ring veteran from Australia and America in their ten-round main event for the lightweight championship bout. Baby punched Gildo almost at will but failed to knock him out. Gildo is but a mere shadow of his former days and all he could do was retaliate with body punches.

Little Paras, bantamweight champion, retained his title by outpointing Enrico Venturillo, a newly arrived fighter from Singapore and Australia. Paras tried vainly for a knockout, but he found Venturillo a tough customer.

The flyweight championship bout between Young Dumaguilas and Little Dundee was a give-and-take affair for ten rounds with Dumaguilas the victor. PCC Boy, former flyweight king, in the first four-rounder, made a surprising comeback when he won the unanimous decision over Fighting 69. Melton Ross, an American lightweight, beat Dommy Cruz in six rounds.

Kid Vicente, 139, Cebu's wild caveman, on a comeback trail, became the welterweight champion of the Philippines by stopping lightweight champion, Baby Baltazar, 136, midway in the sixth canto of one of the two headliners of the second fistic offering of the FONABO. Baltazar sustained a deep cut between the eyes in the third round. Referee Bebeng Gutierrez stopped the fight in the sixth round despite Baltazar's protest.

Little Paras, bantamweight champion of the Philippines, retained his title by decisioning Gon Ladrazo in another titular ten-rounder.

Tino Arespi, former amateur champion, was awarded an unpopular decision by Referee Jose P. Rocha over Little Mercado in a six-rounder. Star Parayno, fast-stepping flyweight, outpointed Joe Villa in a four-rounder, while Jess Osit finished Little Engayo in the second round in the curtain raiser.

In a furious slugging match which kept the roaring crowd on its toes, Tirso del Rosario, featherweight champion, retained his title by knocking out Small Quintin in the sixth canto of Grace Park, Ajudo Advocate's initial offering.

A gold championship belt donated by Manila Sportsman Nick Cruz, was awarded to the champion by Amelia Amante, movie actress, and Carlos Padilla.

PCC Boy drew with Little Campo. Dominion Boy decisioned Kid Nacionalista in six rounds. Terrible Polding and Leonardo Dola drew in another six-rounder. Baby Davao kayoed Pablo Vicente in the third round of the curtain-raiser.

Boy Brooks, Negro middleweight champion of the Philippines, became a double champion by outpointing Eddie Williams, former Golden Gloves champion, in the ten-round main event of Santos and Santos boxing promotion for the light-heavyweight championship. Brooks, who tipped the beam at 150 pounds, gave away a twelve-pound advantage.

Little Ibanez outpointed Frisco Mendiola in another ten-rounder. Speed Martinez decisioned Clever Siso in a 6-round semi-windup. Tannery Boy outclassed Arce Santos in another 6-rounder.

Referee Fortunato Paras threw Star Salvador and Fighting 69 out in the third for failure to fight. Baby Aldeguer bested GI Johnnie Gonzales in six rounds. Roy Junior forced Eddie Manahan to quit in the fifth of the scheduled six rounds. Snart Castro put away Baby Gunga Din in the third session with a straight to the jaw in the curtain-raiser.

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RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By SELSSO TIBORRO

THE results of the fights that took place at Mexico City in El Coliseo Arena during March were:

Baby Gonzales, 126, decisioned Jimmy McAllister, 126, in ten. Eduardo Serratos, 126, T.K.O.'ed Gilberto Ossorio, 127, a Puerto Rican, in eight.

Saul Torres, 134, decisioned Kid Filipino, 139, in ten. Tony Becerra, 115, T.K.O.'ed Tomas Vargas, 114, in eight.

Sandy Saddler, 124, kayoed Leonardo Lopez, 123, Mexican bantam and feather champion of Mexico, in two. Lalo Gallardo, 131, decisioned Benjamin Prado, 131, in ten.

Monito Flores, 112, became the new flyweight champion of Mexico by decisioning Baby Mickey, 109, in 12 rounds. Luis Castillo was the former champion, but he resigned the title because of his inability to make the weight. Melvin Bartholomew, 132, American Negro, lost the decision to Regino Aguila, 135, in ten.

Vincent Villavicencio, 154, T.K.O.'ed Kid Azteca, 151, welterweight king of Mexico. The match was for the middleweight title of Mexico which was vacant. Thus Villavicencio became the country's middleweight king. El Conscripto, 141, T.K.O.'ed Guillermo Risko, 137, in seven heats.

Tony Mar, 134, lightweight champion of Mexico, T.K.O.'ed Nick Moran, 135, in two rounds. Kid Filipino, 142, decisioned Baby Yucatan, 147, in ten.

Saul Torres, 134, decisioned Luis Arguelles, 136, in ten. Mariano Nava, 134, decisioned Miguel Uribe, 136, in ten.

Sandy Saddler, 130, decisioned Carlos Malacara, 137, in hot rounds. Saddler knocked down Carlos for a short count in the first round. Raul Bustamante, 136, decisioned Victor Flores, 132, in ten.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

DANNY WEBB proved his right to the Canadian lightweight mantle he took from Dave Castilloux by again scoring over Castilloux in a twelve-rounder at the Forum in a return bout billed as a title affair but which automatically became a non-title fracas when both came in overweight at 136½. Promoter Raoul Godbout was host to some 8500 fans who clicked the turnstiles for over $25,000. The Webb-Castilloux setto was better than their first meeting as Casty was in better shape, the going being pretty even until the last three rounds when the veteran was unable to maintain the pace set by the tireless, high-geared Webb.

The decision was split 2-1, one of the judges giving Castilloux the edge. Castilloux's best round was the ninth, when he rallied to stagger Danny with several well-placed wallops. Webb geared up to carry the initiative throughout the last three rounds as he had done in the early heats. Dave fought well in spurts but Webb's consistent aggressiveness told the story.

A pair of rematches topped the action in the strong supporting card. Jean Richard, local featherweight, scored handily over Frankie Pucci, tough little Toronto scrapper, in the eight-round semi-final. After a slow start they settled down to a sizzling pace in the last half with Richard's left jabs and hooks bringing him the bacon. They had fought a furious eight-round draw in a Coliseum main event, a couple of weeks previously with Richard opening up a little too late with his heavier punching to surpass Pucci's early lead. In a torrid six-rounder, Ruby Margolin, Sherbrooke welter, utilized his left hook to repeat his Coliseum win over Georges Gervin, local slugger.

In two scheduled sixes Larry Sloan and Marcel LaChappelle were having a close setto when LaChappelle's badly cut eye forced a halt in the third heat. Fernand Cervan's left hook dumped Terry Kipp of Toronto for the count in 1.29 of the second round.

STRAY SHOTS—Jimmy McKimmie and his henchmen are planning to take another whirl at weekly cards. . . . Harry Gerson and Jack Fogel are also anxious to start promoting. . . . Louis DeZwirck, top local fistic judge, is an amateur ring official, heads the Y.M.H.A. boxing section and is a lawyer by profession.

IN BRITISH GUIANA
By COMPTON SANTOS

THE visit of the world heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, to Trinidad, marked the biggest event in the history of that Island's boxing. The Brown Bomber gave four rounds of exhibitions, toying with two opponents, Max Haefer, who came with the champ, and Trinidad's own heavyweight pride, Baba Adams.

Preceding the Louis displays were three local encounters, the first of which saw Tony Tarquini drop a six-round duke to Kid Blyce, in a lively bout. Blyce at 123½, had a six-and-a-half-pound edge, and was the stronger throughout.

Dynamite Jim, 158½, exploded his ammunition on Ken Thomas, 160½, and called it a night, after two minutes and forty-seven seconds of the third session. This ended Ken's dream of a shot at Gentle Daniel.

The ten-round return engagement between Ralph Garcia and Fearless Freddie, was the hottest of the local bouts. Freddie, who took their first encounter via the T.K.O. route, found himself on the outside looking in this time, as Garcia romped home to an easy win. Both boys tipped the beam at 128½.

Fighting Bailey, 142½, Trinidad's ace welterweight, stepped into the ring at the G.F.C. grounds, Georgetown, a two-to-one favorite to upset B.G.'s playboy of pugilism, Young Joe Louis, 143, but was given a good going over by the local "clown prince." Bailey won but one heat.

Young Jenson, 118½, made short work of Kid Dale, 115, by blasting him to the canvas for keeps, inside the first.

Billy Welch came from behind to gain a popular four-round verdict over hard-hitting Byron Hunte. The weights were Hunte, 130; Welch, 129½.

Colvin Mitchell made his professional debut a successful one by pasting Lightning Swift in the opening four-rounder. Swift conceded ten-and-a-half pounds to his youthful opponent.

Young Abrigo, 115½, fly- and bantamweight champion of B.G., disposed of Kid Salandy, 116, Trinidad's bantam contender, in the seventh of a scheduled ten-round scrap at the G.F.C. grounds, Georgetown, through a disqualification.

Hilton Denny and Freddo Simmons, each weighing 131 pounds, fought a draw of eight rounds.

Fred Smith, 127, gave away twelve pounds to Ralph Parris, 139, but earned himself a draw.

Young Oxley came out in the win column, and Pat Hyman on the opposite side of the tally, in their bantam mill.

The boxing boom is on in British Guiana right now, and neighboring champs are finding their way to this South American land, seeking bouts. In one week's time Young Tanner meets Kid Bururu of Cuba, who is the lightweight king of that Island. Next in the line-up comes Central America's middleweight boss, Carlos Perez, who faces Trinidad's Baba Adams, and St. Lucia's own light-heavyweight champ, Jack Ettean, against British Guiana's Fighting Shadrack.

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WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By MICKEY DAVIES

THE Huntington show on March 10th, failed to pan out as it should have. The originally scheduled match between Sparky Reynolds and Van Penn, didn't materialize because Reynolds suffered a back injury in training, and a last-minute substitute was called in to pinch-hit for the former Huntingtonian. This contest was labeled for the welterweight championship of the State, although it is a well-known fact that Penn hails from Clairton, Penna. This sort of thing certainly doesn't help the game in the least, and it was proven at post time, when the smallest crowd of the season, about 900 persons, turned out to witness the bout between Penn, and Buster Miles, of Indianapolis who was subbing for the ailing Reynolds. Penn, a very good looking welter, was awarded a T.K.O. over the Hoosierite, when the latter failed to answer the bell for the tenth round.

Sammy Mastrean, Pittsburgh, decisioned Curtis Young, lightweights. Sonny Jordan, Pittsburgh, beat Willie Jackson, Huntington, middleweights. Don Andrich stretched Charlie Clark, 2, lightweights.

"Curly" Kilbane, a great little belter back in the roaring '30s, lost his life recently in an accident at nearby Bell, West Virginia.

I guess at times some fighters spend as much time on the deck as they do on their feet—at any rate this is the way Al Sheridan of Indianapolis fared in his tilt with dynamic socking Jimmy "Gunboat" Davis, Charleston light-heavy, at Radio Center Arena on March 17. The Gunner, who is one of the best punchers in the 175-pound field, had his Hoosier adversary on the canvas seven times, finally salting him away in 1:12 of the eighth. Weights: Davis, 170; Sheridan, 178.

Johnny Protan, 118, Highcoal, defeated Johnny Howard, 116, six rounds. Arnold Deer, 172, Indianapolis, eked out a very close win over Billy Mason, 162, Huntington, in a sixer.

In the opening six, Don Andrich, 134, Wheeling, iced Pinky Purnell, Huntington, in the fourth round.

John (Bum) Rowsey handled referee chores in fine style. Show was under the helm of Jack Sheppard.

Between Rounds—Pat Scanlon will handle the destinies of Big Jim Hilliard, a fine-looking white heavyweight. . . . A very fine matchmaker, and a grand fellow—Walter Buckrop, of Louisville. . . . Note to Weirton promoter: Please send in your results to this writer by the third of each month. . . . This will be appreciated. . . . Tom Leeper of Indianapolis is one of the busiest managers in this section.

Wheeling, Auditorium—Sammy Angott, former lightweight champion, added another victim to his list of comeback attempts. Murray "Sugar" Cain, a mediocre lightweight from Zanesville, was the man opposing Sammy this night. The result—a T.K.O. for the ex-champ in the third chukker. Phew!

Tad Diloreto decisioned Snooky Bryant, six rounds. Howard Faulkiner, 145, thumped Jimmy Campbell, 145, in six. Jimmy Robinson, a very good looking lightie from Louisville, stopped Tod Downey in the opening frame of a slated sixer. Al Gualteri, 134, an Angott protege, bested Eddie Starr, in an exciting six-round brawl. Marion Klingingsmith, 160, Washington, Pa., K.O.'ed Tommy Grier, 158, three rounds. These boys are heavyweights. The show was promoted by Tim Nolan and some 2500 were on hand.

On the same night in Huntington, the Radio Center Club presented a very good card topped by Charley Banks, 170, Cincinnati, and Johnny Buttrum, 168, Detroit. Banks iced the boxer from the Wolverine State in 2:12 of the fourth round. The best scrap on the bill featured Paul Holbrook, 168, Ashland, Ky., and Arthur Brownie, 170, Cincinnati, with the Kaintuck lad winning the duke in six. Brownie was down four times. Joe Harris, 148, stopped Charley Moore, 150, in three rounds. Eddie Martini flashed plenty of form in trouncing Don Andrich, 132, in another six. In the opener, Major Myers, 130, a small edition of Charley Banks, blasted out Pinky Purnell, 134, in round four.

Tim Nolan, the new Wheeling promoter, has announced plans to operate weekly at the Market House Auditorium in the Ohio Valley city. The two appearances there of Sammy Angott, former lightweight king, has served as a shot in the arm to the game, and you can expect some very good attractions under the Nolan banner in the near future. Billy Conn may attempt a comeback soon, with his initial appearance at the Wheeling Auditorium, according to Promoter Nolan.

Jack Sheppard, who has been operating the Radio Center Club in Huntington, has decided to toss in the sponge. Sheppard, after pulling two losers in a row decided to call it quits until warm weather.

Punch Prospect of the Month—Paul Holbrook, a crack 165-pounder from nearby Ashland.

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NORTHERN NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

RESULTS FOR THE MONTH — Kanter's Passaic, Jim Milligan, 151, Paterson, K.O.'ed Leroy Williams, 153, Newark, 1. Mario Centi, 143, Kearny, drew with John Thomas, 141, New York, 6. Johnny Lomax, 156, Passaic, stopped Tom Collins, 155, New Haven, 3. Bob Jacobs, 142, Paterson, outpointed Vince Scarpari, 142, Newark, 6. Leroy Coleman, 156, Lodi, kayoed Al Percord, 154, Newark, 2. Herbie Jones, 132, New York, K.O.'ed Stanley Hill, 134, Brooklyn, 3.

Jersey City Gardens—Lou Lombardi, veteran lightweight, 138, scored a big upset by outpointing Patsy Brandino, 140, Hamilton, Ont., 8; Ray Wilson, 155, New York City, stopped Eddie Matt, 157, Paterson, 5. Herbie Hinson, 149, Harlem, outpointed Georgie (Buster) Smith, 156, Jersey City, 6. Lew Robinson, 147, North Bergen, K.O.'ed Lenny Stanton, 150, 1. Lou Barba, 132, Brooklyn, outpointed Jackie Diamond, 135, New York City, 4.

Ken Shaw, 189, Dundee, Scotland, won his third American victory by easily outpointing Howard Chard, 212, Toronto, Ont., 10. Chard was down twice. Tommy Baker, 127, Cliffside Park, outpointed Frankie Girrard, 122, Toledo, O., 6. Eddie White, 136, Jersey City, outpointed Jimmy Pittis, 132, Philadelphia, 6. Joe Lilli, 157, Jersey City, K.O.'ed Lenny Staton, 150, Bloomfield, 2. Al Sharpton, 141, Brooklyn, outpointed Larry Rosenfield, 147, Jersey City, 4.

Roy Thomas, 189, Brooklyn, K.O.'ed Buddy Moore, 206, Jersey City, 5. Ernie Durando, 150, Bayonne, dropped Ray Wilson, 155, Brooklyn, 5 times to win a decision, 6. Joe Chesul, 180, Bayonne, got up three times to outpunch Steve King, 190, Brooklyn, 6. King was down twice. Johnny Caruso, 160, Jersey City, K.O.'ed Eric Oliver, 159, Harlem, 2. Johnny Douglas, 135, Harlem, and Jimmy Siccara, 132, Hoboken, drew, 6. Joe Lilli, 152, Jersey City, outpointed Billy Wakefield, 152, New York City, 4.

Ray Spurlock, 161, Kansas City, Kansas, southpaw, outpointed Coolidge Miller, 168, Brooklyn, 8. Pat O'Conner, 163, Ireland, made his Metropolitan debut and took a bad beating for two rounds before his novice opponent, Leroy Coleman, 153, Lodi, collapsed, 3. Frankie Girrard, 123, Toledo, O., K.O.'ed Pat Henhehan, 120, Cliffwood Beach, 1. Jim Milligan, 152, Paterson, K.O.'ed Willie Murphy, 150, New York City, 1. Joe Lilli, 151, Jersey City, outpointed Carol Green, 150, Harlem, 4.

Frankie Girrard, 124, Toledo, survived three knockdowns in the second round to outpoint Tommy Baker, 127, Cliffside Park, 8.

Ernie Durando, 150, Bayonne, K.O.'ed Eric Oliver, 158, New York, 1. Walter Pettie, 136, Jersey City, outpointed Joe Cartagena, 137, Brooklyn, 6. Joe Lilli, 154, Jersey City, outpunched Billy Reed, 151, Montclair, 4. Sal Giglio, 134, New York City, K.O.'ed Al Smith, 137, Harlem, 1. Mike Alger, 148, Hackensack, and Al Sharpton, 142, Paterson, drew, 4.

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BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

JOE MUSCATO'S win over big Johnny Shkor of Boston was a surprise. Shkor had previously licked Joe Matisi, good puncher from Binghamton. Matisi in turn had knocked out Muscato earlier in the season. Naturally, Shkor's victory over Tami Mauriello at Boston astounded Buffalo fans. Johnny seems to be an in-and-outer. When he's good he's tough medicine but when he has a bad night he's easily enough beaten.

Lee Savold and Phil Muscato engaged in one of the toughest big-man bouts of the season on March 11. Muscato won a split decision over the sharp-shooting Westerner. The referee, Eddie Seres, voted for Savold but judges Anse Carroll and Willie De James found for Muscato.

Jack Herman and Ed (Don) George are doing a great business with their Great Lakes wrestling club. The grapplers are showing every Friday night and packing 'em in. Some of those appearing around here are: Bobby Bruns, Bob Wagner, Friedrich Von Schacht, Paul Boesch, Sandy O'Donnell, Buddy Curtiss, Lou Newman, Wee Willie Davis and others.

Paid attendance for the Hudson club's Muscato-Savold show was 8,674 and the gross receipts were $15,306.

The FAC gym now has two rings and is one of the most up-to-date emporiums in the country. . . . Jack Singer, popular Hudson club promoter, would like to bring Jersey Joe Walcott here for a match with either Joe Matisi or Phil Muscato. . . . He is also dickering for Jake LaMotta to tangle with Henry Brimm, Negro middleweight, who looks very good. . . . Charlie Pinto has been snaring some dandy matches for the Fairview club. . . . When Joe Tambe beat Vic Eisen at bantamweight many fans were greatly surprised because Tambe is no spring chicken and Eisen looked like a great prospect.

Frank Domino was back of four winners on one program. . . . He seconded Joe Tambe, Henry Flakes, Al Baldesino and Bobby Dare. . . . Bert Finch did a dandy piece of work in pulling Joe Matisi through to a quick victory after Matisi had twisted his ankle in his fight with Clarence Brown of Chicago. . . . Matisi knocked out Brown in the second round. . . . Joe limped around toward the end of the first session and knew he had to win quickly . . . and he did, with a well planted right hander to Brown's jaw. . . . Matisi should be O.K. again within a few weeks. . . .

Nat Fleischer's new RING Record Book is a hit with everyone around here who saw it. . . . Finest big bit of work we've ever seen.

Wee Ray Wyzykiewicz, former Golden Gloves star, won a TKO over Danny Martin in Ray's first pro. bout. Martin suffered a badly cut eye and Ray, the winner, wound up with a broken nose. Still, there were knockers who started to ride the kids in the first round.

Frank Sexton, one of the game's best wrestlers, has been offered bouts in Australia and New Zealand. Frank may make a world tour.

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AT THE CENTURY A. C. OF BALTIMORE
By DAVE KREUTER

BOBBY LEE, fast-stepping local lightweight, took the measure of Eddie Giosa, highly regarded Philadelphia boy, by virtue of a unanimous vote. In this struggle Giosa got off to a fast start and had all the best of the early going, but Lee slowed him down to a walk by opening a cut over his left eye and trying to get to it throughout the fight. It seemed Giosa was more worried about protecting the eye than winning the fight, and so Bobby took advantage of the opportunity to win his debut as a main bout fighter.

The Century Club presented its best attraction of the month when Bee Bee Washington and Roy "Cyclone" Williams hooked up in a rousing ten-rounder. Williams, who hails from St. Petersburg, Florida, had defeated every opponent the Century Club could find for him, but found out, much to his regret, that Washington was a better than average middleweight and could handle himself in the best of company. The Capitol boxer had "too much on the ball" for "Cyclone" who needs a little more polish.

A boy who has been going great guns, but just can't seem to get the necessary attention from the bigwigs of boxing is Charley Milan.

I'm not going out on the limb and predict Charley to be the next lightweight king of the world, but I do say that after some polishing and a few boxing sessions with some seasoned veterans he will be able to take on the best in his class and make an excellent showing.

Henry Armstrong, who was quite a fighter in his day, has come up with a promising young middleweight protege in Smuggy Hursey. Fighting in the Century Club's feature attraction on March 31, Hursey gave a severe lacing to Roy "Cyclone" Williams over a ten round route and was awarded a unanimous nod.

Smuggy is a fighter's fighter. By that I mean the type who just keeps going after his opponent come "hell or high water". Williams, who hails from St. Petersburg, Fla., just wasn't able to cope with the Washingtonian's crafty style, although at times, he did let loose with a few solid blows which stopped the fight from becoming a complete rout.

In a fast-stepping six round affair, Sonny Boy West, a clever cutie from Washington, took the measure of Billy Reed by virtue of a unanimous vote.

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Walter Jordan put away Joe Poccia, 4. Johnny Johnikin decisioned Jerry Mekler, 6. Thompson Harmon stopped Eddie Chapman, 4. Regino Aguila decisioned Melvin Bartholomew, 10. Johnny Marino defeated Eddie O'Tash, 4. Alfredo Escobar stopped Bobby Jackson, 3, and Fabela Chavez, 10.

Lefty LaChance upset the winning ways of Tony LaBua, 8. Biff Jones beat Leslie Harris, 10. Buddy Jacklich whipped Ramon Alva, 10. George Dunn won from Nick Stato, 10. Ray Daoust whipped Isaac Thomas, 8.

Pedro Biesca defeated Jimmy Corti, 6. Billy Murray defeated Andy Best, 6. Roy Treasure drew Les Fuller, 12. Frankie Duane outclassed Maurice Therriault, 8. Therriault also lost to Johnny Priest, 8. Jimmy Collins stopped Lou Transparenti, 4. Al Baldesino kayoed Joey Krikis, 1.

Thompson Harmon beat Eli de Loech, 4. Johnny Campbell defeated Lloyd Hudson, 8. Young Junior defeated Bobby English, 8.

Chief Gordon House iced Chamaco Albarran, 9. Joe Carney decisioned Nick Primiani, 8, but lost to Paddy DeMarco, 8. Harry Hart decisioned Charlie Baxter, 6. Ray Wyzykiewicz stopped Danny Martin, 3.

Carmine Fatta won over Oscar Lewis, 8. Mickey Daniels decisioned Sam Wilson, 6. Petey Virgin outboxed Tommy Stenhouse, 10. Nado Soso beat Jimmy Cox, 6. Bobby Dykes won over Ted Agapiou, 6. Curley Nichols defeated Johnny Gebert, 6. Matt Parker whipped Juan LaSalle, 8.

Johnny Marino drew with Ray Solomon, 6. Ernie Guisti beat Florient Desmarais, 8. Jimmy Cox whipped Camacho Albarran, 10. Pedro Firpo outpointed Willie Roache, 10.

Leo LeBond chilled Pedro Cachardo, 4. Lou Castrilli halted Ben Melendez, 2. Saul Torres defeated Kid Filipino, 10, but Filipino came back to beat Baby Yucatan, 10. Red LeVasseur defeated Harold Jones, 10, George Perez decisioned Jackie Hogan, 8.

Lou Casiano drew with Johnny Forte, 8. Herbie Johnson chilled Charlie Walsh, 1. James Carter defeated Walter Stevens, 6. Lalo Gallardo beat Benjamin Prado, 10. Al Pennino won over Max Perez, 8.

Lew Hanbury halted Billy Strauss, 3, and beat Johnny Dell, 8. George Martin decisioned Charlie Smith, 8. Joey Fontana won over Frankie Rubino, 8. Joey Fagan knocked out Louis McCloud, 6.

Nunzio Carto decisioned George Hunter, 4. Al Starling beat York Howell, 4. Rudy Cruz outpointed Thomas Lopez, 10. George Renault beat Ray Daoust, 6.

Eddie Thomas won over Mat Parker, 6. Wray Carter defeated Charley Baxter, 8. Frankie Duane beat Juan Carrero, 8. Joe Kelly beat Ken Monar, 5. Ken Meyershiro shaded Eddie Salazar, 4. Mariano Nava decisioned Miguel Uribe, 10. Saul Torres won over Luis Arguelles, 10. Raul Bustamante beat Victor Flores, 10.

Ike Williams halted Frankie Conti, 7. Herbie (Biff) Jones thrashed Leslie Harris, 10. Frankie Foley won over Julie Kogan, 8. Juste Fontaine stopped Baby Breese, 6. Vic Young kayoed Leo Methot, 2. Jimmy Collins whipped Freddy Russo, 10.

Leading featherweight bouts:

Jock Leslie kayoed Tony Costa, 8, and beat Freddie Russo, 10. Speedy Cabanella whipped Paul Guerrero, 10. Eddie Compo knocked out Ben Melendez, 4, and beat Dino Bleta, 8. Henry Lassain defeated Billy Gillard, 6.

Sandy Saddler beat Carlos Malacara, 10. Al Phillips took the British featherweight title from Cliff Anderson, 15. Francisco Colon Garcia outscored Capitan Pena, 10. Phil Terranova stopped Paulie Jackson, 8. Bobby Richards whipped Snooks Lacey, 15. Buddy Hayes defeated Joey Longo, 10, and stopped Pee Wee Lewis, 4. Chico Rosa stopped Manuel Anduha, 8. Bud Christman and Richie Mendoza drew in 10.

Jackie Graves outpointed Johnny Grady, 10. Vic Young kayoed Bobby English, 6, and Ivan Jones, 4. Arthur King stopped Joey Dolan, 5. Glen Flanagan defeated Pete Bolos, 6. Jimmy McAllister stopped Joey Kushner, 6, but lost to Baby Gonzalez, 10.

Ronnie Clayton chilled Joe Carter, 5. Henry Legasse kayoed Flash Couture, 2. Leo Mucucci knocked out Dusty Rivest, 10. Archie Devino defeated Clem Rodriguez, 8, but lost to Arbie Bowie, 6. Devino beat Jim Alexander, 8. Ivor Escobar defeated Red Allen, 8, but Allen came back to halt Leo LeBrun, 5.

Doc Blanchard stiffened Jackie O'Keefe, 3. Blanchard stopped Isaac Thomas, 2. Johnny Campbell drew with Blond Tiger, 10. Eddie Compo won over Rocco Progano, 10. Chili Cantero stopped Danny Martin, 6.

Carlos Chavez stopped Roscoe Scally, 7. John LaRusso defeated Leo Mucucci, 10, and stopped Bernie Bernard, 2. Gene Barrier stopped Leo Mucucci, 7. Rudy Pasquale beat Allie Johnson, 6. Lou Castrilli won over Guillermo Roberts, 6. Billy Cofield beat Ronnie Gray, 1.

Chili Cantero drew with Floyd Shifflett, 10. Maurice LaChappelle outpointed Leon Hutson, 6, and was stopped by Larry Sloan, 3. Charley Riley outpunched Luis Ramos, 10. Mal Evans chilled Joe Morrissette, 1.

Maxie Docusen kayoed Sammy Andrade, 1, and beat San Sanders, 8. Ivor Fredericks drew with Mickey Garcia, 4. Tirso del Rosario stopped Rustico Orquita, 9.

Tito Valles defeated Lou Langley, 6, stopped Ralph LaSalle, 2, and again beat Langley, 6. Frankie Gerrard stiffened Pat Henehan, 1, but lost to Tommy Baker, 8. Lou Castrilli outpunched Ben Melendez, 6. Steve Kronis stiffened Oliver Desmarais, 1. Augie Brett beat Jose Colon Garcia, 6. Sonny Boy West defeated Billy Reed, 6.

Fred Herman outscored Dave Nash, 6. Gilberto Osario was knocked out by Eduardo Serratos, 8. Willie Alexander beat Johnny Villaneuva, 6. Jerry Meckler won over Joey Dell, 6. Jimmy Parlie whipped Jimmy Sulla, 6. Sal Amoroso defeated Mal Evans, 4. Johnny Dodo beat Bobby Root, 4. Edgar Perrault decisioned Willie Leo, 8. Billy Sheridan outpointed Johnny Donato, 6.

Leon Hudson beat Tony Ferry, 6. Jimmy Sullivan outpointed Joe Palaza, 4, and stopped Walter O'Keefe, 4. Jimmy Sulla won from Black Bill, 6. Angelo Rogers decisioned Young Peralta, 6.

James Enopia halted Tiger Jackson, 6. Baxter Horne won over Bobby Jackson, 4. Baby Tampico stiffened Tuffy Fairfield, 2.

Sandy Saddler whipped Charley (Cabey) Lewis, 10. Gene Richard beat Ivan Jones, 10. Paul Febbo defeated Reuben Davis, 8.

Bantamweights:

Harold Dade defeated Tony Olivera, 10. Mickey Francis outpointed Kid Tanner, 8, Tanner was also outscored by Len Coffin, 10. Stan Rowan stopped Teddy Peckham, 4. Norman Lewis beat Billy Hazelgrove, 8, and stopped Joe Collins, 1.

Jerry Lavigne knocked out Tony Bellevance, 4, and lost to Vic Haller, 6. Eulalio Sarobia defeated Manuel Sota, 10. Joe Lukas knocked out Frank Pondillo, 4. Tsuneshi Maruo kayoed George Freitas, 5. Eddie Reyes knocked out Jimmy Quiocho, 4. Sal Clementine whipped Earl Kelly, 6.

Joe Soares decisioned Kid Waianae, 4. George Small whipped Johnny Kent, 8, and Johnny Mack, 8. Eddie Davies whipped Bill Henry, 6. George Wells outfought Denis Stansil, 8.

Eddie McCullough defeated Laurie Marrow, 8. Sid Peasland halted Billy Davies, 4. Willie Rigby chilled Dick Hughes, 2. Tom Collins kayoed Tony Roche, 1, and Vic Haller, 4. George Sanchez beat Little Giant, 10. Jean Richard beat Frankie Pucci, 8.

Charlie Titone outscored Joe Gamby, 6. Baldwin Okamoto whipped Kid Waialua, 4. Paul Bustamente halted Paul Gonzalez, 3. Tony Cocco beat Frankie DiPiano, 6.

Harry Varva won over Tommy Trout, 6. Joe Hughes drew with Sid Josephs, 8. Wally Basquille beat Bob Brikenbread, 6. J. King stopped Joe McLaughlin, 2.

Flyweights:

Jackie Bryce whipped Johnny Summers, 15. Maurice Sandeyron stopped Summers, 4. Sandeyron defeated Emile Famechon, 15. Famechon stopped Jimmy Gill in 7. Rinty Monaghan knocked out Terry Allen, 1. Armando Puenti Pi beat Black Pico, 10.

Dado Marino bested Gus Rosa, 8. Dickie O'Sullivan chilled Alf Hughes, 4, and Billy Davies, 1. Billy Davies was knocked out by Ronnie Bishop, 4. Davies then stopped Rufus Enoch, 1.

Baldwin Okamoto decisioned Kid Waialua, 4. Charlie Squires halted Norman Tennet, 6. Tim Ramos lost to Little Dundee, 6.

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"TWIN CITY NEWS"

MINNEAPOLIS AUDITORIUM—In the main event of Promoter Tony Stecher's fight card, Dolph Quijano, 173, El Paso, whipped Todd Tate, 180, Chicago, for 10 heats to the decision. Both are ordinary performers.

In the semi the up-and-coming young Glen Flanagan, 127¾, St. Paul, took a six-round decision over the veteran Pete Bolos, 125¾, Detroit.

Mel Brown, 162, young and promising St. Paul Negro, decisioned Bill Stemmler, 154, Windsor, Ont., in six. Clem Custer, 129, a newcomer, beat the much-ballyhooed Vic Creelman, 127½, formerly of New York, in six. Bobby Marshall, Jr., 177, Minneapolis Negro, ex-Golden Gloves light-heavy champ (this year), made his pro debut with a four-round win over Jack Wortham, 170¼, Amarillo, Texas. Bill Zaier, 195, Cambridge, Minn., and Jackie Thompson, 186, Detroit, drew in four.

St. Paul Auditorium—In the main event of Promoter Billy Colbert's annual St. Patrick's Day card, hard-hitting Howard Bleyhl, 150, Madison, Minn., knocked out Harvey Dubs, 154, Windsor, Ont., veteran, in the eighth of a 10-rounder.

It was sweet revenge for Bleyhl, who lost by a five-round cut-eye T.K.O. last month.

Other results: Mike Sopka, 160½, Chicago, handed the fast-rising, young and handsome Johnny McGrand, 160½, Rochester, Minn., his first defeat as a pro in the six-round semi-windup. Del Cockayne, 139, Des Moines, beat Booker Ellis, 144, St. Paul, in six. Horace (Buzz) Brown, 150, St. Paul Negro, defeated Eddie Simmons, 154, Sioux City, over six cantos. Roy Thomas, 156, St. Paul Negro, outpointed Nick Melnick, 158, Winnipeg, in four. In the curtain-raiser of four rounds, Dick Bighley, 138, St. Paul, and Merle Van Cleve, 135, Worthington, fought a draw. It was Merle's pro debut.

SHORT SHOTS—Tom Havil, former heavyweight puncher during the Charley Retzlaff-Max Baer reign of heavyweights, is bouncer at Kirch and Gillis' night club in St. Paul. . . . Johnny Kleber, once a terrific-punching light-heavyweight from Melrose, Minn., is living in Minneapolis. Johnny had enough fighting with the Marines at Tarawa to resume boxing. . . . Booker Ellis is a cousin of Louis Bell, Negro welter, currently headlining shows on the West Coast.

Graves, the "Austin Atom" world feather-weight title contender, punched out a 10-round decision over Johnny Grady of Chicago at the Rochester, Minn., Auditorium. . . . There were no knockdowns, as Grady was on his bicycle throughout. . . . Darwin Gomer of St. Paul wants to take Graves on a tour of Europe—he has some connections in Paris.

RING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By TED YAMACHIKA

A RETURN fight between David Young, leading contender for the world's bantamweight crown, and Henry Davis, featured Promoter Al Schaff's outdoor card at the Honolulu Stadium. This ten-round event was a sensational slugging affair with both fighters going all out for the full route. At 119¾, David Young appeared much stronger than in his previous fight, but in Henry Davis, 124, he met more than his equal and according to quite a number of close observers, Young was lucky to get a draw, the verdict rendered after ten torrid rounds.

Henry Davis proved in this fight that he is now ready for the big time.

There were 4,142 customers who paid $8,427.00.

Other results: Bobby Reyes, 136½, proved no match for Tsuneshi Maruo, 126¾, being knocked out in the second round of a scheduled five-round fight.

Shangy Tsukano, 149¼, knocked out Ben Garcia, 155½, in the third of a five-rounder.

Jimmy Sweatt, 144¾, decisioned Joe Medrano, 143, four rounds.

Johnny Johnson, 145¾, beat Eddie Ocasio, 132, in four rounds.

Eddie Lagronio, 117¼, drew against Nicholas Boy, 121¼, four rounds.

Some sort of a record was created when Richard Asato and Robert Takeshita clashed in a ten-round event on a Leo Leavitt promoted show at the Honolulu Stadium. The fight drew 12,260 customers and $25,200, which is the largest gate drawn by two local boys fighting against each other. There have been other bigger gate receipts but in all cases either one or both of the participants were imported fighters.

Nineteen-year-old Robert Takeshita, 141⅞, who is headed for New York rings in the near future, proved his superiority in every department of the art of fisticuffing by outpunching, outlasting and outmaneuvering rugged Richard Asato, 139¼. He finally won by a T.K.O. in the 10th and final round. It was simply a case of a good fighter being beaten by a better one and it is no reflection on Asato's ability and specially his gameness that he came out the loser. Being floored as early as the first round by a sharp left, Asato, game as they make them, got up after a seven count and made it a battle all the way to the end. He went down three more times, in the third, seventh and ninth but throughout the fight he never gave up trying.

Takeshita showed that he can box and punch with the best of them. He has been fighting less than a year as a professional but already he has licked most of the better boys in his division.

Other results: Marino Tiwanak, 119⅝, decisioned Steve Bagano, 121¾, five rounds.

Walter Kahookele, 135, knocked out Johnny Torres, 135⅞, in the third of a four-rounder.

Slim Suzuki, 129⅛, drew with Jimmy Kalei, 133⅞, four rounds.

In the opener Joe Soares beat Kid Waianae in a four-round bantamweight fight.

Tsuneshi Maruo, fast-rising bantamweight, decisioned Al Chavez in an eight-round event at the Civic Auditorium. The third meeting between these two fighters turned out to be their best fight and was witnessed by 4,888 fans who paid $9,242.

Maruo, at 118½, proved too big and strong for Al Chavez, who came in at 114½. After an even first round, Maruo started piling up a big lead by employing his highly educated left to advantage. He kept jabbing his lighter opponent and fought at long range for the next six rounds which he won handily.

In two previous fights Maruo had defeated and drawn with Chavez.

The fight was promoted by Al Schaff.

Other results: Wayne Powell, 162⅞, knocked out Shangy Tsukano, 150¾, in the fourth of a fiver with a left to the mid-section for an upset win.

Walter Chung, 115⅝, won via a K.O. in the first over Johnny Innes, 114⅛, four rounds.

Tommy Umeda, 123¾, put the damper on Eddie Silva, 128⅞, in the third of a four-rounder. The four-round opener saw Sammy Makaiwi, 138⅜, knocking out Benny Ramos, 144¼, in the first round.

In a Territorial featherweight championship fight at the Civic Anditorium, on March 11th, Champion Chico Rosa, 121⅝, successfully defended his title by knocking out Challenger Manuel Anduha, 125⅜, Rosa waded into his heavier opponent from the opening bell, and once the fight started, there was no doubt as to the eventual outcome.

Rosa was faster, threw the harder punches and was the better boxer.

There were four knockdowns in the fight and all of them taken by Anduha. He went down once in the 3rd, twice in the 4th and was counted out in the 5th when he took a solid left to the button.

The fight, promoted by Leo Leavitt, drew a small house of 2,609 customers who paid $4,579.75.

Other results: Eddie Reyes, 119⅜, knocked out Jimmy Quiocho, 120⅛, in the 4th.

Fred Silvano, 128, lost a T.K.O. verdict to Victor Sagpang, 128, in the third.

Joe Soares, 120, decisioned Kid Waianae, 116⅜, 4 rounds.

In 4 rounds, Manuel Bochan, 159, won over Ben Garcia, 160.

Tsuneshi Maruo, 121, 1946 national AAU bantamweight champion, kept up his winning ways by scoring a T.K.O. over mainland importation, George Freitas, 124½, in the 5th round of a bout held at the Civic Auditorium. This was an Al Schaff promoted show and grossed $7287.50, with 3819 fans attending.

Freitas showed a willingness to mix but that was about all. Throughout the four rounds he lasted, he landed but one or two good blows. He was unable to answer the bell beginning the 5th round.

Other results: Willard Hauseman, 145⅞, held Butch O'Hara, 140⅜, to a 5-round draw.

Tommy Umeda, 123¾, also drew with Victor Sagpang, 129¾, in a companion 5-round bout.

Eddie Ocasio, 148, decisioned Johnny Johnson, 146¾, in four rounds.

Joe Medrano, 150, knocked out Hal Krause, 150¼, in the 2nd.

Nicholas Boy knocked out Eddie Lagronio in the 4-round curtain raiser.

Carl Olson, 18-year-old middleweight champion of the territory, and Candy McDaniels, promising stateside fighter, highlighted Promoter Al Schaff's fight card in a ten-round championship bout at the Civic Auditorium. A crowd of 5129 rabid fans paid $10,668 to witness the contest.

Still undefeated, Olson had to do some real fighting to cop a close decision. Candy McDaniels, 149, outweighed by nearly ten pounds, still gave a great account of himself. He started off at a whirlwind pace, copped the first two rounds by outpunching a surprised Olson and held his own for the next three. But from here on in the weight difference began to tell. Olson got stronger and McDaniels weaker.

Olson did some of his best fighting in the last three rounds when he landed some good left hooks to the body, mixed with an occasional right to the head. However, he was unable to land more than two good blows in succession and at no time was McDaniels in any great danger.

Other results: Angelo Rogers, 127¾, stablemate of George Freitas, decisioned Young Peralta, 127, of Manila, in six.

Willard Hauseman, 146½, defeated Butch O'Hara, 141, over four.

William Caesar, 133⅞, stopped Samuel Makaiwi, 137, in the second of four.

Hal Krause, 152, knocked out Harold Holley, 151, in the first of the four-round curtain raiser.

A new boxing attendance record was created when the territorial welter champ, Frankie Fernandez, lost to Frankie Moore of California at the Honolulu Stadium. The fight card drew 15,336 customers, grossing $39,637.75.

Moore, 138¼, won the fight on a T.K.O. in the seventh of a scheduled ten-heater, when Fernandez, still eager to keep on fighting despite a deep gash over his left eye, which had bled profusely and blinded him in one eye for the last three rounds, was restrained by the attending physician from continuing the bout. The fight was one of the fiercest and bloodiest seen in a Honolulu ring in a long, long time and was scored even at the time it was stopped.

Fernandez, 141⅜, started out as if he would make short work of his dusky adversary. He took the initiative from the opening gong and maintained it throughout the six rounds he was able to continue fighting. But he found the going tougher than in any of his previous fights as Moore fought back fiercely.

The third round was the best of the action-packed rounds. Early in this heat Fernandez connected with a good right which hurt Moore. As Moore backed away, Fernandez, ready for the kill, made the mistake of rushing too fast. Frankie Moore, one of the fastest welterweights to show here, recovered fast and turned the tide of battle in his favor with a beautiful display of fighting fury. This all happened in a matter of seconds. He left-hooked beautifully and landed a stinging right. He followed up with a left-hook and Frankie Fernandez was on the floor for the first time in his boxing career. The dazed Fernandez was up after a two-count and fought back gamely. Moore, a bit overanxious, missed with a straight right. It was in this round, just before the knockdown, that Fernandez sustained the cut which later cost him the fight.

For the next three rounds Fernandez tried hard for a knockout and seemed to have had the better of the argument. However, Moore took everything Fernandez had to offer and fought back at every opportunity.

Other results: Joe Kelly, 137¼, decisioned Ken Monar, 135, in five rounds.

Benny Mactagone, 146½, won over Joe Medrano, 146, in four.

Tommy Blondin, 153⅛, stopped Abe Ramson, 162½, in the first round.

Ken Maeshiro copped a close one over Eddie Salazar in a four. Both welters.

Baldwin Okamoto decisioned Kid Waialua in a four-round bantamweight fight.

SO. JERSEY AND PENNA. NOTES
By ARCHIE PIROLLI

ATLANTIC CITY: Gene Jones, Camden heavyweight, won his third straight in Atlantic City when he defeated Sammy McPherson, Oklahoma City, in the ten-round feature. Don Ellis, 157, Atlantic City, decisioned Puggy Snyder, 157½, Vineland; Roscoe Taylor, 138, Philadelphia, T.K.O.'ed Bob Engert, 147, Bayonne, in two, and Wily Davis, 164, Philadelphia, outpointed George Smith, 160, Bayonne, all in sixes. Joe Lilly, 153, Bayonne, decisioned Teddy King, 151½, Philadelphia, in the opening four.

Allentown, Pa.—Agostino Guedes, Palmerton, 186, and Doc Bea, Philadelphia, 184, drew (10); Stanley (Choo Choo) Derr, Allentown, 161, knocked out Freddy King, Philadelphia, 163 (3); Nate Baynard, Philadelphia, 147, decisioned Jimmy Simms, Chester, 137; Tommy Trout, Philadelphia, 123, defeated Walt Fenley, Philadelphia, 127 (6). George Holley, Bethlehem, 133, and Bob Smith, Philadelphia, 133, drew (6).

Philadelphia Arena: George LaRover, Philadelphia, lightweight, finally clicked on his home grounds when he defeated Juste Fontaine, Milwaukee, in the 10-round feature bout. On the same card, Doug Ratford, 139½, New York, defeated Freddy Dawson, 136½, Chicago, in ten rounds. Willie Alexander, 127½, Chester, defeated Johnny Villanueva, 130, Pittsburgh, in six; Jimmy Parlin, 124, Philadelphia, won over Jimmy Sulla, 128, Philadelphia, in six. McCoy Jones, 141½, Philadelphia, drew with Jimmy Anest, 135½, New York, in six. Jersey Jack Burns, 206, Camden, defeated Don Searles, 192, Philadelphia, in four.

Nine, Ten and Out: Frank (Blinky) Palermo, Philadelphia's most prominent manager, has signed Ike Williams, N.B.A. Champion, to his large stable. Pep Barone, Allentown promoter, is playing to capacity houses in the Palestra Hall. He is readying for the open air shows at the Allentown Fair Grounds.

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HEARD AND SEEN IN MICHIGAN

By MICKEY McINTIRE

EDDIE O'NEIL, middleweight protege of Scotty Monteith and Al De Napoli, received a few lessons in an Arena Gardens headliner, as Bert Lytell, the California southpaw, romped off with a decision. O'Neil has a fine record, but will have his troubles with high class fighters.

Jimmy Edgar returned with Johnny "Deacon" Brown in the opposite corner. A win for Edgar was a foregone conclusion.

Pete Mead and Sonny Horne got together in the Olympia for their rubber match, and this time the Grand Rapids youngster made it two out of three over Horne. It was a repetition of their previous Olympia thriller, but slightly more than half of the predicted $30,000 house materialized.

Flint is the best town in Michigan now. Dormant since the halcyon days of the great Roger Bernard, Flint now has three good drawing cards for headliners. In addition to the great featherweight Jock Leslie, they have lightweight Bill Eddy, and middleweight Benny McCombs, who is a thunderous puncher, and will soon be matching Leslie and Eddy in crowd appeal. Tommy Cusans, former star amateur fighter, and the possessor of a great war record, is Flint's outstanding promoter, and is doing well.

Red LeVasseur vanquished Harold Jones in a Saginaw headliner. LeVasseur, hard-hitting 138-pounder, carried too much strength for Jones, who tired in the closing rounds after leading the way early in the bout.

Eddie Bogart looked good in whipping Tiger Tyson in Saginaw. Bogart, young welterweight protege of Bobby McIntire, looks like a potentially great right hand puncher.

Toledo is going real good with several clubs running. Sam Greene, night club operator, has one club doing well, and The Shay brothers, whose names have long been synonymous with boxing in Toledo, are also drawing good houses. A recent Toledo headliner saw Charley Daniels continue his victory string with a win over Sammy Secreet.

John McCulloch has packed houses daily at his Paul Revere A.C., which gives George Williams' gym plenty of competition. These gyms are only a few blocks apart, but Williams has drawn the better talent to date, although the Paul Revere is always filled with good boys.

Willie Dominguez, former clever bantamweight, is assisting in making matches for several clubs around the state, and also in Ohio. Willie's lightweight, Harold Jones, looks like the best young fighter around.

Bobby McIntire will be seen soon in Southwestern rings. McIntire has appeared in New Orleans, Memphis, St. Louis, Kansas City, and Little Rock, and never fails to please the cash customers. Recent Madison Square Garden headliners have been fighters who boxed McIntire, namely Robinson, Bell, and Larkin. McIntire is also training a few boys, and booking fighters. He can be reached at 25214 Mary, Inkster, Mich. His Detroit phone is DEarborn 8432.

CLEVELAND RING NEWS

By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

MARCH 10 was an eventful evening in the life of Jimmy Bivins. It was his big chance but he failed when he was stopped by Ezzard Charles in the fourth round. At the start of the first round Bivins took a terrific right to the jaw from Charles, but came back strongly. He was improving as the bout progressed and looked good in the second and third rounds and appeared well on his way to victory. In the fourth round, however, Jimmy dropped his left a trifle low, trying to feint for an opening, Charles' coordination of mind and muscle was perfect, and as a result, a short right to the jaw stretched Bivins out for the full count. It definitely was a one-punch knockout, a remarkable feat for the Cincinnati boy who was outweighed 14 pounds.

Charley Hayes, Detroit middleweight, boxed too well for Mike Birskovich, Niles. Hayes refused to slug it out with Mike and the result was an easy victory for the Detroiter. The referee wisely stopped the bout in the fifth of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Larry Johnson, 140, needed every bit of the five-pound pull in weight to gain the edge over lightweight Joe Discepoli, Cincinnati, Southpaw.

Jackie Lyons, Pittsburgh light-heavy, won a T.K.O. victory over Lou Ogletree who retired after the fourth.

Floyd Gibson, Cincinnati, had no trouble with Eddy Taylor, Detroit.

Jimmy Doyle, 147, showed to good advantage in his ten-rounder with Danny Kapilow, 147, Brooklyn. Doyle won at least six rounds comfortably. He boxed well and showed to advantage in close.

Charley Hayes kept up his winning ways, stopping Russ Baxter, Newcastle. He looked even sharper than in his first professional appearance here. Cleveland fans remember Hayes when he easily outpointed Joe Maxim when both were amateurs on a Jewish Recreation Council program.

Billy Tierney returned to Cleveland to beat Larry Johnson in an eight-rounder, although he was floored twice in the fifth. It was a good bout with boxer Larry Johnson winning at long range, but Tough Tierney holding the margin in close and forcing the fight throughout.

Onelio Agramonte, 187, Mexico, was entirely too good for Ted Lowrey, 180, New Bedford, Mass.

Buddy Holderfield, 187, Little Rock, decisively beat John Rowe, 180, Rochester.

Joe Kezele, 149, Lake Milton, N. J., stopped unorthodox Harry Smith 143, Culpepper, Va., in the third.

The Cleveland *Plain Dealer* Golden Gloves team won the team trophy at Chicago. Bobby Bell, 118, Eddy Marotta, 126, and Jackie Keough, 147, won titles. John Hornik lost in the semi-finals. The three also beat the representatives of the East.

A nose injury prevented Hornik from representing the West in this classic. Jackie Keough won his second Sportsmanship Award, this time in the Chicago Tournament. His first was in the Cleveland Tournament.

A picked team from Cleveland won the Trophy Award at Kansas City in the Junior National Tournament. Ted Fittipaldo, featherweight, Houston Brown, lightweight, and Paul Simpson, light-heavy, won titles. Buddy Morrison, John Swanson and Carl Rousse lost in the semi-finals.

Carmen Barth, 1932 Olympic Middleweight Champ, made a decided hit when refereeing the John Carrol U.-Loyola U. bouts. Carrol was the winner. Barth is a well-qualified official and should continue as an arbiter not only in intercollegiate, but in professional bouts as well.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

By BUS BURKE

DICK NEWCOMB, who made his initial start as a promoter for the "fight for money boys" March 12 at Kiel Auditorium, was on the receiving end of a financial beating as well as a verbal thumping from the State Commission. There is no doubt about it but that Mr. Newcomb learned the hard way that the paying public wants well matched and balanced cards, something that he did not give them in his debut as a promoter. The officials had a perfect evening as no decisions were rendered as each bout ended in a T.K.O. or a K.O. In the featured top spot Kid Riviera, 220, St. Louis, stopped Bill Poland, 199, New York, in the fifth round. Poland was dropped seven times preceding the K.O. in the fifth and was saved by the bell on two of the occasions.

In the co-featured bout slated for ten rounds Deacon Nathan Logan 162, St. Louis, scored a T.K.O. win over Finazzo, 161½, Baltimore, in the seventh round. It was the Deacon all of the way and the bout was stopped when Finazzo made no attempt to fight back.

Jackie Darthard, 152, Kansas City, scored a T.K.O. over Joe Ferrier, 148, Montreal, in the fifth round. Ferrier was hopelessly outclassed by the cagy Darthard. Jim Bull 159, St. Louis, knocked out Bert Ellis, 160, Kansas City, in the fourth round. In the curtain raiser Wally Rogers, 151½, St. Louis, knocked out Johnny Tabbs, 152½, St. Louis, in the fourth round. Rogers showed definitely that he is a comer.

The Missouri Commission has taken a step that may help to protect the fans from just such things as happened on the last Newcomb card, in as much as Chief Deputy Pian stated after a meeting with Mr. Herring, that in the future a promoter must file with the commission the record of a boxer for the six months prior to his signing for a match here. This record will include the name, dates, places and results of the boxer's bouts for the preceding six months. This will enable the commission to check and verify the fact as to the capability of the fighter. The best way to check on fighters who work, is THE RING, and the Annual RING Record Book, and also the record of any fighter who is meeting capable opposition can be followed from month to month in the monthly issue of THE RING.

Promoter Hans Bernstein's March 19th punch party, again co-featured Charley Riley and Phil Terranova in supporting ten-rounders and was another crowd pleasing presentation. Riley punched out a ten-round decision win over the Puerto Rican gamester, Luis Ramos, who spotted Riley five and a quarter pounds. It was Riley who packed the heavy artillery, and it was Riley who was the aggressor. Terranova stopped Paulie Jackson in eight after softening his opponent with a withering body attack that began in the fourth round. The end came when Terranova pulled the string on a right hand to the button. This was Terranova's ninth appearance in a St. Louis ring in a little over a year and it can be seen by the gross gate of $14,875.10 that he is just as popular with the paying public as he was on his initial venture here.

Complete results of March 19th card:

Milton Jones, St. Louis, 164½, stopped Jerry Marshall, St. Louis, 162, in the fifth round. Curtis Smith, E. St. Louis, Ill., 139½, won on a T.K.O. in the fourth over Ward Jenkins, San Francisco, 144. Louis Moeckel, St. Louis, 138½, stopped Micky Collins, St. Louis, 137½, with a T.K.O. in first round.

The efforts of Promoter Dick Newcomb warranted a better reception by the fight fans than was handed him on his March 25th fistic attraction which pulled out only 2,847 paid attendance with a gross gate of a meager $5,029.60. The fans who stayed away by the hundreds certainly missed a bang up show, which saw Maxie Shapiro of New York gain a split and very unpopular decision over the Mexican tornado, Humberto Zavala. Personally my scorecard had Zavala ahead by a fraction.

Freddie Latson, 131, St. Louis, defeated Paddy O'Leary, 131½, Denver, Colo., in six. Tommy Sullivan, referee. Jim Bull, 155, St. Louis, knocked out Young I Joe Louis, 158½, Kansas City, in one round. Bob Ingham, referee. Jerry Marshall, 161, St. Louis, won decision over LeRoy Bolden, 161, St. Louis, in six. Paul Spica, referee. Joe Danos, 149, Denver, Colo., knocked out Wally Rogers, 148½, St. Louis, in the sixth round. Paul Spica, referee. Lou Dietrich, knockdown timekeeper. Freddie Gilmaster, timekeeper.

THE RICHIE BUBBLE BURSTS—It was Fitzie Fitzpatrick, of sunny California, who gave Jim Richie of St. Louis his taste of defeat for the first time. It was Richie's first and only defeat in either an amateur or pro bout. The Californian dropped the Negro St. Louis gladiator in the ninth round for a nine count.

Milton Jones, St. Louis, 163, outpointed Baby Simms, New York, 163½, in eight rounds. Kessler, referee.

Curtis Smith, E. St. Louis, 133½, K.O.'ed Willie Jones, Indianapolis, 133, in fourth. Palmer, referee.

Buster Miles, Indianapolis, 143, decisioned Gene McGovern, Granite City, Ill., 143½, in six rounds. Ray Palmer, referee.

Louis Gray, St. Louis, 162½, in his initial start as a pro, decisioned the veteran John Gully, St. Louis, 166, in four rounds. Kranz, referee.

RIGHT CROSSES—This kid Louis Moeckel looked "right pert" in his pro fistic debut when he stopped the veteran Mickey Collins. . . . Milton Jones will be main event stuff before long. He is a terrific puncher and is in the pink. . . . Jerry Marshall administered a blood transfusion to his own self in his fight with LeRoy Bolden by way of a cut mouth which bled freely behind tightly clenched teeth, it takes courage plus guts, to do that. . . . Fans here are clamoring for that return bout between Phil Terranova and Charley Riley. . . . Eddie Davis is hard at it getting his C.Y.O. boxing program under way around Los Angeles. . . . Jimmy Parker, Dick Young and Ray Palmer continue to turn in good work as the third man in the ring.

At Wichita, Kansas, March 26th—St. Louis's Deacon Nathan Logan upset the highly touted Pat McCafferty, whom the Deacon stopped cold in the fourth after having the Kansas boy on the canvas twice before tucking him in for the evening.

At Omaha, Nebraska, March 31—Kid Riviera, St. Louis's latest heavyweight sensation, ran his string of consecutive knockouts to number eight at the expense of Tex Boddie of Omaha. Riviera, who weighed in at 215, stopped the Omaha boy in 2.51 of the sixth round. It was Boddie's second straight knockout loss. His other was to Abel Cestac. On the same card Jim Bull, St. Louis middleweight, won via the decision route over Omaha's Joey Hartfield.

Send all news of interest to readers of this column to Bus Burke, 601 St. Louis St., De Soto, Missouri. To the many friends who are swelling my collection of fighters' photos, "Many Thanks."

HALIFAX FISTIC NEWS

By COLIN FAULKNER

RICHARD (KID) HOWARD, 130, Halifax, Maritime Lightweight Champion, iced his second challenger James (Kid) Ashdale, 134, Caledonia, C. B., in 1.50 of the fifth canto of their title-designated ten-rounder at the Armouries.

In the semi-final Percy Paris, 133½, New Glasgow, and Harold Schultz, 132, Halifax, battled to a draw, six rounds. In the special bout Charles (Chuck) Ormon, 125, Armdale, T.K.O.'ed James Steeves, 133, Truro, in 1.31 of the fifth of a scheduled six rounder. In the prelim Stephen Connolly, 134, Halifax, won a unanimous decision over Ray Hamill, 135, Armdale, in four rounds.

CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

SAMMY ANGOTT had little trouble in stopping George Dixon. Dixon was a poor excuse for a fighter. As a matter of fact he never tossed a blow up to the time that the referee was tolling over him at 2:55 of the first round.

Fourteen hundred fans turned out for the show.

One thousand fans at Mansfield, Ohio, saw Sammy Angott take the measure of Jackie McFarland, of Canton, Ohio. McFarland's second tossed in the towel in the second round while McFarland was still on his feet. This was the third of a series of come-back fights for Angott.

Paul Carbetta, Mansfield, Ohio, featherweight, stepped out of his class when he traveled to Minneapolis to take on Jackie Graves, the Austin southpaw. Graves stiffened Carbetta in the second with a sock to the midriff, followed by a blow to the chin. Carbetta weighed 124, Graves 128. 5,000 fans attended the show. Gross gate was $12,183.60.

Bill Davis, last year's Golden Gloves amateur champion lightweight, is now training amateurs at the Y. M. C. A.

A letter this A.M. from my good friend Bruno Sala with some clippings on his kid brother, Lee Sala, who has been bowling them over in Miami, Florida. Understand that Lee is about to invade the East.

The Century Club of Akron—In the main event Ronnie Burns of Paterson, N. J., was defeated by Moe Harvey of Warren, Ohio.

In another eight-round scrap, Joe Ferrier, Canadian welter, took the nod over Van Penn, Pittsburgh, Pa., welterweight.

Johnny Chatman of Buffalo, New York, got the nod over Frankie Cordino of Paterson, New Jersey, in six. The bout was mostly in-fighting. Joey DeJohn of Buffalo, New York, stopped Pittsburgh's John Sarrow in the third frame of a scheduled six and Nate Huskey, Cleveland, Ohio, lightweight, decisioned Pittsburgh's Sammy Mastrean in six. The show failed to click at the gates, 1,304 customers paying $2,659 through the turnstiles.

The third bout, a 12-rounder, between Eddie Miller, of Dayton, and Billy Parsons ended in favor of Miller. Miller did most of the leading with Parsons countering and using every possible defensive tactic to avoid being nailed by Eddie's Sunday punch.

In the semi-final, Eddy Elton, Akron, Ohio, middleweight, was stopped by Bob Amos of Detroit, in the eighth.

Eddie Brandt, Dayton lightweight, won over Izzy Robinson of Indianapolis in six. Bobby Beamon, Indianapolis, lost to Johnny Jackson, of Detroit, in six. In the six-round opener, Jackie Taylor, Columbus, Ohio, lightweight, lost to Luther Burgess of Detroit.

Mr. Camel, the fight promoter in Lancaster, Ohio, is planning to stage some shows this coming summer.

Dick McClendon, Houston fight manager, is anxious to get his good lightweights, Sailor Harold Moore and Henry Majcher, some shots here in Ohio.

The Ohio Junior Lightweight championship changed hands again. This time it goes to Dave Marsh, the Akron speed merchant, who gave Leo Garrett, of Cleveland, a boxing lesson in ten heats.

Two thousand, two hundred and seven fans paid a gross of $3,984 to see the show. The biggest gate of the season.

A left jab kept Garrett at bay the whole fight and there was never a doubt from the first bell but that Marsh was the master.

The semi-final between Bobby Berry, of Cleveland, and Chris Tabor, of Niles, Ohio, both hard-hitting middleweights, was a donnybrook over eight rounds with the duke going to Berry. It was a great fight and the best on the card.

Lou Berry, Akron welterweight, got the nod over Jack Thomas of Medina, Ohio, in six. Bill Partin, Okron welterweight, clowned to victory over Leroy Love, Akron, in four. Jimmy Rae, Cleveland featherweight, took the nod in four over Gil Holcomb of Akron.

The writer has four good heavyweights, all in good shape and ready to go—Sherm Washington, Irish Pat Richards, Ted Woodward, and Willie Davis. Promoters wanting good heavyweights contact the writer.

Roman Alvarez, of New York City, had little trouble winning by a T.K.O. over Tommy Campbell, of Iowa, in the fifth of a scheduled ten-round bout featuring the Hartman Shalat boxing show.

Campbell was substituted for Willie Russell who injured a muscle four days before the show. Campbell went right along with Alvarez, but ran out of what it takes to win. The fight was good as far as it went, and at times Campbell made the Easterner look bad. In the fifth Campbell just stood in his corner and took everything Alvarez had without as much as starting one punch of his own. The referee stepped in at this point and gave it to Alvarez.

The semi-final was a slugging scrap between Sammy Mack of Syracuse, N. Y., and Eddy Miller of Dayton, with Miller getting the nod after eight heats. After the third heat there was no doubt in anyone's mind but that Miller was the winner.

In a six-round bout, full of action, Harry Hart, Delaware Dandy, gave Charlie Baxter of Cincinnati a boxing lesson. This is the third time Hart has proved his superiority over Baxter. Charley Roth, veteran Akron heavyweight, won over Buddy Thomas of Indianapolis. Roth's Sunday punches had very little effect on Thomas, and the fight could have been called a draw. Tommy Welch, Columbus lightweight, put the skids under Johnny Goode, of Cincinnati, in the second.

Bob Amos, the Detroit Dynamiter, kept his record of straight wins clear when he chalked up another win over Shelton Bell of Dayton, Ohio.

Leroy Campbell, Lancaster fight promoter, is getting ready to sponsor shows in his home town of Lancaster under the auspices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

At Akron, Ohio, Pat Comiskey T.K.O.'ed Clarence Jones of Buffalo in the third of a scheduled ten rounds. Jones was badly beaten.

Comiskey carried too many guns for the Buffalo fighter. Comiskey dropped Jones five times in the first round and twice in the second. It was a case of Jones being completely outclassed.

Johnny Jackson of Detroit won an easy eight-round decision over Bobby Timpson of Youngstown. Freddie Bernhardt of Akron K.O.'ed Lou Williams of Canton, Ohio, in the first. In another five-rounder Tommy Mangini, Pittsburgh welterweight, outpointed Johnny Bryant of Massillon, Ohio, and Joey DeJohn, Buffalo middleweight, stopped Sonny Jordon, of Pittsburgh, in the fifth and last round.

The show attracted 1,698 who paid $3,452.

Walter Vogel, an Akron, Ohio, attorney, was appointed on the commission to replace Ross Rizzo who resigned.

Freddy Schott, Akron, Ohio's leading heavyweight, was stopped in 2:44 of the second round of a scheduled ten, at Buffalo, New York, by Joe Muscato, of Buffalo. A left to the pit of the stomach in the early minutes of the second heat set up Schott for the K.O., and a flurry of blows to the head dropped Freddy to the canvas for a nine count. The Akron battler got up only to be finished off by a left hook to the head.

Springfield trie another comeback in the fight game.

In the first show this year Larry Courtright of Dayton was given the nod over Tip Ramsey of Cincinnati, O., in the eight-round main event.

Fletcher, of Springfield, Ohio, won via the T.K.O. route over Jimmy Shipley of Cincinnati, in the fifth. Shipley was on the canvas several times before his seconds tossed the towel in. Jimmy Wilson of Cincinnati, O., a middleweight, stopped Jim Todd, of Dayton, in the fourth. Kenny Johnson of Dayton kayoed Earl Campbell of Cincinnati, in the second round. Johnson scaled 186 and Campbell 192. In the opener scheduled for four rounds. Bill Williams, Springfield, Ohio, welterweight, was kayoed in the first by Witman Burres of Cincinnati.

Al Haft, owner of the Haft's Acre at Columbus, announced that he will enlarge his arena so as to hold eight thousand fans for boxing and wrestling shows.

The writer is the matchmaker for the boxing shows here, and good fighters wishing to show in this part of the country may contact him at the address at the end of this column.

Boxing news from all over Ohio will be carried in this column. Send all notes in by the 1st of the month. The writer's address is Less Huffman, P. O. Box 211, Station G, Columbus, Ohio.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. JIMMIE AMANN

THE Cincinnati Variety Club staged its benefit boxing show at the Music Hall Arena on March 24. The show which grossed $5,407, saw Ramon Alvarez, Brooklyn lightweight, win on a T.K.O. in the fifth round from Tommy Campbell, Rock Island, Ill. Campbell was a last day substitute for Willie Russell of Columbus, Ohio, who hurt his shoulder while in training.

In the supporting prelims, Eddie Miller, Dayton, Ohio, middleweight, kept up his winning ways, stabbing out a decision in eight sessions over Sammy Mack of Rochester, N. Y. In the special tilt of six rounds, Buddy Thomas of Indianapolis sneaked through a surprise draw with Charlie Roth, local heavyweight.

Harry Hart, Delaware, won from Charlie Baxter, Cincinnati, in a six-round lightweight joust. Bobby Welch, Columbus, Ohio, stopped lightweight Johnny Goode, Cincinnati, in a couple of rounds and Larry Ritorito won over Frank Saffee, Cincinnati, in two.

Cincinnati is all agog over Ezzard Charles getting the high ranking in THE RING ratings through his win over heavyweight Jimmy Bivins in Cleveland. Visualizing a possible meeting between Charles, even though a light-heavy, and Joe Louis, both fans and critics are watching with real fight interest the moves of the various parties concerned which would bring about such a match.

We've had a lot of good comment on that story in the April RING of a day with Nat Fleischer. Some fine reading material, everyone avers.

Around Fountain Square with the Punchers and Their Pilots—Danny Millilo, former local welter, looks good in there as a referee. . . . Harry McCarthy is doing the coaching chores at the spacious Central A. C. gym on East Sixth St. . . . Joe Seta is looking for another site on Fifth St. for his Fountain A. C. . . . . My fight flashes service at one dollar per year is still going strong and those interested can secure same through the writer at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, Ohio. . . . This address available also to fighters of all weights unattached and managers of good fighters who want local and national bookings. . . . My ninth annual release of boxing promoters and managers' guide is now ready at a buck per copy. . . . 800 names and addresses are listed. . . . Indianapolis, Ind., in our book is one of the best boxing towns in the Middle West, add Louisville, Ky., and Columbus, Ohio. . . . Promoter Sam Green, up in Toledo, Ohio, is doing okay. . . . And in closing, the best seller of any year is THE RING, the Bible of Boxing.

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UTAH-IDAHO-MONTANA-WYOMING

By CARL E. HAYDEN

FIGHT fans in the Western States are focusing attention on two fine fist-flingers at the University of Idaho, which tied with Wisconsin for the National Intercollegiate Boxing championship.

Laune Erickson, of Idaho, defeated Charles Spann, of South Carolina, for the 175-pound title at the national meet, and Herb Carlson, of Idaho, decisioned Don Dickenson, of Wisconsin, in the 155-pound division.

"The two Swedes from Idaho," they are already being called in boxing circles.

Erickson held the 165-pound National crown in 1940 and 1941, so that he is not new to followers of amateur boxing in the United States.

Records Don Brooks, Northwest sports editor of the Salt Lake *Tribune:* "It was back in 1940 that Laune won his first National crown, in a stirring 165-pound scrap in the NCAA tourney at Sacramento, Cal. The following year he copped the 165-pound diadem again at State College, Pa.

"That same year, the lad with the educated left and the dynamite right, tucked the gloves away and packed up to head for higher things—the Army Air Corps. In January of 1942 he was in an aerial mishap which nearly resulted in a "10 count" to a great career. Encountering engine trouble while flying over Puget Sound, Erickson was forced to bail out of his pursuit ship while the plane continued on to crash near Everett, Wash. Erickson was picked up by a crash boat after he had swallowed a few gallons of sea water.

"With one semester of college work left, Laune returned to Idaho University after being mustered out of service. Fighting this year at 175 pounds, he cut a swath through the best college light-heavies on the Pacific Coast. Prior to the NCAA tourney, he walked away with the Pacific Coast Conference championship."

TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

STAN ROWAN, 127, the crack Liverpool bantamweight, defeated Teddy Packham, 119, of Bournemouth, in the fourth of a ten-round contest, when the referee intervened after the latter had received a very badly cut eye.

Emmett Kenny, 135, St. Helens, stopped Stan Thomas, 137, Birkenhead, in the third session when the referee intervened. Morry Jones, 134, Liverpool, made a successful entry in the pro ranks by scoring a K.O. over Pat Flynn, 140, of Liverpool, in the second round. Billy Flynn, 135, Liverpool, outpointed Jimmy Fox, 136, Bolton, in a six-round affair.

Joe Carter, 129, Mitcham, who is considered a hard-hitter, was the receiver for the full eight rounds when he met Roger Tison, 127¼, of France, in the chief bout at the Sports Stadium, Jersey.

A wild right hand swing from the Frenchman in the first minute of the opening round connected with Carter's jaw, and the latter went down on his back for the count of nine. He got up glassy-eyed and another blow caught him on the chin and he again spent nine seconds on the canvas. Two further counts in the round, but he stayed the round and tottered to his corner at the bell.

It was this first round that decided the course of the contest, and although gamely lasting the distance of the scheduled eight rounds, he was well behind on points.

In the chief supporting contest Jackie Lucraft, 124¾, of Islington, was very unlucky to lose an eight-round decision to Ron Draper, 124½, of Southampton.

Billy Harper, 111½, Royal Navy, gained a close decision over Harold Clarke, 108¼, of Bow in a six-round contest. Jimmy Holland, 134¾, local lightweight, outpointed Harry Curley, 137¼, Lambeth, in a spirited six-round contest. Mickey Jones, 118, Southend, outpointed Billy Hazelgrove, 116, Brighton, over eight rounds. Frank Spalton, 150, Fulham, and Jimmy Smith, 149¾, of Wales, fought eight rounds to a draw.

It is with regret that I learn of the death of Bob Bates of Coxhoe, clever featherweight, who was killed while working in a coal mine.

Eddie Thomas of Merthyr scored a K.O. win over Marine Jimmy Brunt of Welling in the sixth of a scheduled eight-rounds bout at Cambran, Wales.

Charlie Gibson, Coalville, lost to "Darkie" Sullivan of Derby when the referee intervened in the third of an eight-round bout to save a game lad unnecessary punishment.

Other results on the Coalville card were: Jack Kelly of Manchester defeated Jimmy Booth of Chesterfield in a hard-hitting bout, and in the sixth round Booth's seconds skied the towel into the ring as a token of defeat.

Tommy Kelly, 131½, Derby, defeated Billy Marlow, 134, of Battersea, over eight rounds at Derby.

Peter McCann, Sunderland, defeated Jack Page, Selston, when the latter received a badly cut eye in the third round, and was forced to retire. Billy Bird, Hull, was declared the winner over Bob Barlow, Belper, when the latter was ruled out for an alleged low blow in the eighth and last round.

Freddie Price, 159, of Dublin, had his first contest in London when he met the clever ex-amateur Bob Cleaver, 157½, of the Borough in the eight-round feature contest at the West Ham Baths.

Price gave a masterly exhibition of correct hitting and at all times was the boss. Cleaver put up a stout resistance but could not cope with the more experienced and stronger opponent, and was a plucky loser at the end.

Bobby Fordham, 143½, Kings Cross, knocked out Billy Lee, 140½, Islington, in the first round. Ron Crogan, 155¾, Paddington, K.O.'ed Jimmy Sales, 161¾, Walworth, in the fourth. Eddie Cardew, 147, Holloway, defeated George Bissett, 142, Stratford, in the sixth round. Bert Holden, 147, Stratford, outpointed Bobby Went, 150, Bow, over six rounds.

Ron Smith, Willenhall, won well over Frank Woodcock, Notts, in their eight rounds contest at Willenhall.

Tommy Griffiths, Kidderminster, K.O.'ed Allan Woodcock, Notts, in the third round. George Dorset, Willenhall, K.O.'ed Bob Barlow, Derby, in the fourth round.

Jackie Bryce of Airdrie retained his Scottish flyweight title when he outpointed Johnny Summers of Edinburgh over 15 rounds at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow.

In their previous contest the referee's decision in favor of Bryce was hotly disputed, but on this occasion there could not have been one dissenting voice, for Bryce was an easy winner.

Bobby Boland, the popular Dundee flyweight, gained his 13th success since turning professional when he stopped Joe Josephs of Wales in the second round, the referee intervening after Boland had dealt out severe punishment to the game Welshman.

It took two minutes of the first round for Gwyn Williams, welterweight champion of Wales, to dispose of Willie Whyte of Glasgow in their scheduled eight-round bout. A terrific left hook to Whyte's jaw put the latter down for the full count.

Frank Naro, Dunbarton, and Danny McKay, Edinburgh, gave the spectators many thrills in their eight-round contest before Naro received the decision.

Jackie Marshall, Glasgow, was too clever for Archie Wickers of Edinburgh, and the referee stopped the contest in the fourth round.

Joe Baksi, American heavyweight, who is to meet Bruce Woodcock, boxed three rounds with three different opponents and received a very warm welcome.

Stan Hawthorne, North Shields, gave a delightful display against George Daly of Blackfriars at Newcastle and it came as no surprise when the towel came into the ring during the fourth round.

Hal Bagwell, 134, Gloucester, continued his winning sequences when he gained a well-earned decision over Bert Hornby, 134, of Bolton, in a hard-hitting ten-round contest at Blackpool.

Billy Hill, Jarrow, gained the decision over Joe Connelly of Maryhill in the feature bout of eight rounds at Glasgow.

Billy Davies, the smart ex-amateur from Birmingham, gained a convincing win over Ralph Moss of Blackpool in the chief eight-round bout at Walsall.

Bob Cleaver, 157¾, the Borough, won a close decision over Johnny Boyd, 160¼, of Peterborough, after eight rounds of infighting at the West Ham Baths, London.

Charlie Mapp, 148¼, Dagenham, won an eight-round decision from Johnny Softley, 149.

Tony Tolfield, 150½, of West Ham, retained his unbeaten pro standing when he scored a K.O. over Steve Osborne, 149. Dagenham, in the first of an eight-round contest. Stan Hibbert, 141½, Battersea, knocked out Alf Boom, 137½, of Stratford, in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Alby Hollister, 159, the hard-hitting Islington middleweight, punched too hard for Johnny Kilburn, 155, of North Shields, and it came as no surprise when the latter retired in the third of the scheduled eight-round contest at the Caledonian Road Baths.

Bert Jackson, 128½, Fleetwood, knocked out Jack Grimes, 129, Barnet, in .55 seconds of the first round of a ten-round contest at the Liverpool Stadium.

Bobby Boland, 114, continued winning by outpointing Alf Hughes, 119, of West Hartlepool, in a six-round contest.

Arthur Danahar, 148, of Bethnal Green, gained a close decision over "Kid" Marcel, 148, of France, in the all-star program at the Seymour Hall, London.

Rinty Monaghan, 112½, flyweight champion of Northern Ireland, stopped Terry Allen, 113½, of Islington, in the first of an eight-round contest.

Allen came in as a substitute for Emile Famechon of France at short notice. A long left swing from Monaghan caught the Islington lad on the chin, which put him down for a count of eight. On rising he was again floored, and after two further counts of eight and nine the referee stopped the contest in Monaghan's favor.

Billy Thompson, 137¾, Hickleton Main, knocked out Johnny Ingle, 135¾, of Dublin, in the first of an eight rounder.

Tommy Barnham, 137¾, Fulham, gained a points win over Ben Duffy, 131¾, of Jarrow in their eight-round bout.

Albert Finch, 160, of Croydon, put up the best fight of his career when he defeated Jimmy Ingle, 161½, of Dublin over eight rounds. The Irishman dominated the contest from the start, although Finch scored well with his left leads. A transformation came upon the scene in the seventh round when Finch threw caution to the winds and slugged it out with the strong Irish fighter.

Finch recovered whatever points he lacked during this sensational seventh session and in the last round won easily, thus earning the decision.

Chris Adcock, 145½, Rochdale, outpointed Alf Danahar, 145¾, Bethnal Green, over six rounds.

Len Coffin, Chester, outpointed Jackie McCall of Jarrow after eight rounds at Canning Town.

Ike Wier, Belfast, outpointed Les Johnson, Finsbury Park, at the end of an eight-round contest. Jack Grimes, Barnet, defeated Billy Marlow, Battersea, in eight. Vic Manini, Lambeth, knocked out Al Binney, Sheffield, in the third. Dick Levers, Chesterfield, won on points over Jimmy Thornhill, Nottingham, in eight rounds.

Dick Levers, Chesterfield, outpointed Billy Davies of Birmingham over eight rounds at Derby. George Small, 119, Battersea, won a gruelling eight-round decision over Jim Wilde, 127, of Oxford.

Charlie Brown, 202, of Jamaica, made his appearance in the ring at Leicester for only two minutes to K.O. Matt Hardy, 184, of Doncaster. The Negro was all over the sparring partner of Bruce Woodcock.

Jackie Hughes, 125¾, of Pontypridd, outpointed Gus Foran, 125¾, of Liverpool, in ten rounds at the Liverpool Stadium.

Gordon Ashun, 146, Liverpool, outpointed Dick Shields, 147, of Liverpool, over ten hard rounds.

Frank Kenny, featherweight champion of Scotland, outpointed Fran Jackson of Hull in the feature bout of eight rounds at Hull.

Billy Barton, Liverpool, outpointed Hughie Smith, Sunderland, in eight rounds. Dennis Chadwick, Bridlington, defeated Billy Bird, Hull, after eight rounds.

Bruce Woodcock, 200¼, British Heavyweight Champion, and European Champion, defended the latter title when he met Stephan Olek, 187½, the naturalized French-Pole (now domiciled in France) over 15 rounds at Bellevue, Manchester.

The critics received the surprise of their lives for none thought that Olek had a chance with the hard-hitting British champ, and there were many who had stated that the contest should not have been allowed, BUT the game Frenchman not only gave Woodcock a fight, but was in there giving an excellent account of himself during the entire 15 rounds.

This contest was Woodcock's final warm up prior to meeting Joe Baksi of America at Harringay.

Bruce will have to show better form if he wants to beat Baksi and have any chance with the Black Thunderbolt, Joe Louis.

Woodcock's handlers claimed before the contest that he had fully recovered from the attack of flu that caused postponement of this fight, but the method he adopted to beat the back-pedaling and game Frenchman was poor, for Olek at times showed up Woodcock's limitations.

This was the first time that Bruce had to travel the 15 rounds course to win a contest, and as he said afterwards in the dressing room, this contest was the best sparring practice I could have had to prepare me for the Baksi contest. Well, time will tell.

Mickey Francis, bantamweight champion of Australia, gained his first win here when he outpointed Kid Tanner, British Guiana, over eight rounds.

Johnny Malloy, St. Helens, knocked out Ben Duffy, Jarrow, in the fifth of an eight-round contest. Henry Hall, Sheffield, outpointed Omar Kouidri of France over eight rounds.

Al Phillips, 125¾, of Aldgate, is considered to have won the British Empire Featherweight Title when Referee Peer Muir of Glasgow, raised his hand at the end of 15 scrambling rounds against Cliff Anderson, 124½, of British Guiana.

The 7,000 fight fans that crammed the Royal Albert Hall at the end of the contest let forth a yell of disapproval when the referee raised Phillips' hand.

Regarding the contest as I saw it, Phillips, from the first gong, went after the dusky warrior from British Guiana swinging blows from all angles, and once inside kept punching.

Phillips continued his aggressive fighting for the first three rounds and won these rounds handily, but a change came over the scene when the Negro boy came out of his stupor in the fourth round and livened up the proceedings by connecting with a vicious right to Phillips' jaw. It was a peach of a punch and the latter crumpled to the canvas. He got up at nine in a very sorry state, staggering around the ring attempting to stave off the now

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attacking bronze battler, but to no avail, for another right to the head put him down again for nine. Full of gameness he got to his feet and desperately clung to the waist of Anderson who pushed him off and he fell to the canvas for another count of nine. Seconds later the bell sounded the end of the round, and Phillips tottered to his corner where his seconds worked frantically in order to get him ready for round five. This was the round that everyone thought would see the finish, but to the surprise of all present, it was a slightly recovered Phillips who carried the contest to Anderson. The latter seemed to go into a dream, here was Phillips at his mercy and ready for the kill, but Anderson appeared content to allow his opponent to do most of the punching in the clinches. Phillips slightly won the 6th and 7th rounds.

At the half way mark I had Phillips in the lead, but Anderson when he opened up seemed to have his adversary at his mercy, but then he would stay in, clinch and hold, while Phillips would keep punching to the head and body. In the 14th round Anderson again came into the picture with his right hand punching to the head, and it seemed that he would end the contest, but the gameness of Phillips was terrific and the battlers went the full 15 rounds. The crowd let loose when Referee Peter Muir walked over to Phillips' corner and raised his hand as the winner.

I must congratulate the referee in giving what he thought was his opinion, for no one can find fault with the integrity of Peter Muir, and he had the courage of his convictions in giving the decision to the man who was the winner on his card.

The contest following was that between Robert Villemain, 148¾, French and European Welterweight Champion, and Gwyn Williams, 145¼, Welsh Welterweight Champion. The MC. could not be heard, and the boys were sent on their way during a storm of catcalls and booing, but after the second round there was silence, and the crowd settled down to witness as rare a display of boxing as one would wish to see. The Frenchman gave a polished display and won every one of the eight rounds.

If ever we were to see a future champion in the making then we saw one in the Negro middleweight from Leamington, Randolph Turpin, 161½, who soon put an end to the chances of Bert Hyland, 161, of Ireland.

Turpin, a Negro boy still in the service of H.M. Royal Navy, may not be able to fight for the British title because of the color bar of the rules of the British Boxing Board of Control, but here is a sure winner of an Empire Title, if and when, he is ever permitted.

Turpin won in the first round by a clean K.O. punch—a right to the jaw. If the B.B.B.C. would lift the color bar, he would be a popular candidate to meet Vince Hawkins for the British title.

Jackie Turpin, 130½, brother of Randolph, scored a K.O. over Sammy Irwin, 129½, of Belham, in the fifth of a six-round contest.

Eddie Thomas, 145, the smart Welsh welterweight, boxed well to defeat Billy Walker, 145½, of Newcastle, at the end of the fourth round when the latter had suffered a bad cut eye.

George Dawson of Nelson won over Bill Brennan of Hickleton Main after being the receiver throughout. The latter retired with a bad cut mouth at the end of the fourth round.

Dickie O'Sullivan, 114¼, of Finsbury Park stopped Billy Davies, 113¾, of Wales, in the first round when the referee stopped the contest after the latter had received a very bad cut eye at the Caledonian Road Baths.

Johnny Williams, Rugby, won over Wally With of Hoxton, over eight rounds. Gordon Griffiths of Taunton and Johnny Downes of Manchester, fought eight rounds to a draw.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
By SOL C. MALOON

THERE was a dramatic finish to the fight between Eric Boon, 146, the former British lightweight champion now domiciled in South Africa, and Alf James, 145½, No. 1 contender for the vacant S. A. welterweight title in a match staged by the White City Sporting Club. James' plan was to fight a long range fight in order to forestall any attempt by Boon to knock him out. In this he succeeded very well. In the seventh round James landed three punches to Boon's stomach and Boon sank to the canvas, taking a count of eight. James then threw caution to the wind and rushed in to finish Boon off. The wily Boon, however, had been waiting for just this and a terrific left hook felled James. James managed, somehow, to get to his feet at eight but another left hook dropped him for keeps. Boon is a really phenomenal puncher and this is his third successive K.O. win in three South African starts.

In the preliminaries: Bob Ramsey, the British boxer, 140, was disqualified in the third round contest against Dave Katzen, 136½, leading lightweight contender, for hitting after the gong terminated the third round. . . . In an eliminator for the S. A. lightweight title, Jackie Solomon, 134, narrowly outpointed Jimmy Towell, 134½, eight rounds. . . . George Angelo, 144½, suffered his first defeat when he was forced, by doctors' orders, to retire with a cut eye after 30 seconds fighting against Don Carr, 149½. . . . In a four-rounder, Bill Benecke, 124, earned a points decision over Jackie Johnson, 121.

PRETORIA—Before a disappointingly small crowd, Willie Smith, 170, outpointed John L. Botha, 187, in an eight-round bout promoted by the Pretoria Sporting Club. Other results were: Herbe Andre, 115, beat Sarel Griesel, 123, on points in four. . . . Alf Kruger, 128, outpointed Bert Hayden, 123, in six. . . . Eddie Ehlers, 161, scored a T.K.O. victory over Jack Krynauw, 165, in four. . . . Ginger Claasens, 153½, lost a points decision to Young Rosella, 152½, in six.

JOHANNESBURG—The long awaited match between Johnny Ralph, 182, S. A. heavyweight champion, and the visiting American Buddy Scott, 180½, in a promotion staged by the Transvaal National Sporting Club at Wembley Stadium, ended with Ralph the winner, after ten hard rounds. Buddy deserves a big hand for the excellent performance he put up and he certainly reinstated himself in the esteem of the fans by his showing.

Scott's fitness was a revelation: he finished quite as fresh as he started—and this after ten gruelling rounds.

The preliminaries: Willie Smith, 168½, after being miles ahead in his six-rounder with Bertie Dartnall, 168½, was disqualified in the third for hitting on the break. . . . Jack Kukard, 183, won a T.K.O. victory over Tom Porter, 187, the latter being forced to retire with a cut eye at the end of the first of a scheduled six. . . . In an eliminator for the featherweight title, Tony Lombard, 121½, won the decision over Jimmy Webster, 119½, who was disqualified in the seventh round for ducking below Lombard's belt after being repeatedly warned for this in previous rounds. . . . Fanie Bushney, 134, won his first professional bout in good style against Nicky Smit, 129½, in four.

"FROM DOWN UNDER"
By VINCENT C. DAVIS

AUSTRALIA—American Negro, O'Neill Bell, 147, and Australian welterweight champion, Tommy Burns, 147¾, provided Sydney fight patrons with one of the best fights since before the war when Burns won on a technical knock-out in the eleventh round of their 12-round bout.

It was one of Sydney Stadium's greatest fights, being a hard-hitting, yet coolly fought battle from start to finish. They fought before a sell-out crowd.

Melbourne: Leo Berry, 132½, outpointed Jimmy McDonald, 134. Norm Gent, 138, beat Johnny Shaw, 139, K.O. in the eighth.

Sydney: Leichhardt—Les Fuller, 134¾, drew with Jackie Wilson, 134.

Brisbane: Elley Bennett, 121¼, beat Jimmy Boyle, 122¼, K.O. in the sixth. George Kennedy, 117, beat Frank Cross, 115, K.O. in the third.

Adelaide: Don Melville, 147, beat Colin Fox, 144, K.O. in the fourth.

Newcastle: John Dempsky, 133, outpointed Tommy Smith, 124; Kid Carney, 152, beat Bluey Ferguson, 142½, K.O. in the second.

AUSTRALIA — Melbourne's young middleweight, 20-year-old Len Dittmar, 156, knocked out Les Sloan, 157½, in five rounds in Sidney. Dittmar proved that his right crosses and left hooks are power-packed. He is the sort of youngster who should go far under Ambrose Palmer's management. Sloan announced his retirement from boxing afterward in the dressing room.

MELBOURNE—American Clint Miller, 127, stopped Alby McCarthy, 129½, in the seventh round. McCarthy put Miller down for a count of eight in the third by means of a right. From the fourth round on it was all the American's. McCarthy seemed set on knocking Miller down again and kept waiting for a chance to use his right. It did not come. Instead Miller put McCarthy down in round six for a nine count with a right to the jaw. A heavy right uppercut shook McCarthy in the seventh and then he went down easily due to a left hook. The referee stopped the fight and gave it to Miller.

SYDNEY—Leichhardt: Jimmy Hogg, 111½, beat "Spider" Tymms, 111½, in 12.

BRISBANE—Alf Wells, 144½, outpointed Jack Daniels, 146, in 12.

PERTH—Don Luff, 151, decisioned Lance Geyer, 151, in 12.

NEWCASTLE—Red Lobley, 135, stopped Bobby Fuller, 134, in the ninth; Fuller's eye injured.

ADELAIDE—In a 15-round bout for the heavyweight championship of Australia Jack Johnson, 171, stopped Billy Myers, 183, in seven rounds. No great interest was taken as Johnson, though official title-holder, has been beaten by Dave Sands, who won his light-heavyweight Australian title from him.

AUSTRALIA—Every couple of decades among the little people of the world there springs up a legend, some conviction based upon confirmed happenings. The legend spreads, assumes mystical proportions and becomes tradition.

In boxing, legends are the favorite fruit of lovers of ring lore. Every great fighter down the years has his particular assortment of anecdotes, some large, some small, in their effect on his career. In the fullness of time from them springs the legend.

This is a preamble to telling you something of what is going on here in Australia, where a legend is being visibly built up—the legend of the hitting power of small, almost insignificant-looking Vic Patrick.

When you pass Patrick in the street, or talk to him in a tram, your one impression is of his geniality, good humored and the same for all, no matter their station in life. Certainly, the last thing you would think of would be that this slight young man would be a mighty hitter in prize fighting.

Yet Patrick is a pocket Hercules and a killer of the type that the maelstrom of ring warfare throws to the surface usually only once in a generation.

There was the case recently of American Eddie Marcus. He walked into a ring at the same time as Patrick, at Sydney Stadium. After 1.20 with Patrick, Marcus was lying on the canvas, writhing, "out" after a Patrick left had clipped him fair on the point of his chin.

Marcus' only query afterward was whether he had been hit by an express train or by the Commonwealth Bank Building.

Now, more than ever, Patrick and his host of followers are itching to see him lined up against better and better Americans, even hoping for a world title shot for him.

Other 12-round main events in Australia recently resulted as follows:

Melbourne—Emory Jackson, U.S.A., 159¼, outpointed George Allen, N.Z., 168.

Brisbane—Jimmy Hogg, 110, outpointed Stumpy Butwell, 114. Broken Hill — Claude Varner, U.S.A., 129, drew with Jackie Wilson, 126. Newcastle—Tommy Watts, 134½, knocked out Red Lobley, 135½, in six. Sydney—Leichhardt: Ray Coleman, 125, stopped Danny Simmons, 129½, in seven.

Adelaide—Ray Dunn, 149, decisioned Don Melville, 149.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By ARTURO H. LE CONTE

LUIS SULBARAN, topnotch Venezuelian scrapper, dragged himself off the canvas in the first canto of a scheduled ten-round bout with Young Shadow II only to be dumped by his opponent a dozen more times. The referee halted the one-sided affair in the fourth stanza.

Ernest Aguilar, Mexican gladiator who recently handed Oscar Calles a ten-round lacing in his home town of Venezuela, has received an offer to meet Simon Vergara, who belted him twice last year, but the "bravo little Mexicano" does not seem to want any part of Panama's new fistic idol.

Sammy Medina, 125, proved to be just another mittman when he met Cesar Leal over ten rounds. Medina, the featherweight champ of Panama, fought like an amateur, while his adversary, 121, performed like a "maestro."

Indian Villareal lost to Young Isaac in an eight-round semi-final. Antonio Troncaso defeated Baby Patrol in four rounds. Van Dyke was stopped in two heats by Wilfredo Brown.

Kid Chocolate, Windy City "smoothie," was blasted out in the first round of a scheduled ten-rounder with Guillermo Andrade, 115, four pounds less than his victim.

Wilfredo Brewster, promising featherweight, grabbed an eight round verdict from Transito Kid.

On the same menu Rodrigo Rodriguez made mincemeat out of Victor Gonzales during the two rounds that the bout lasted.

Anyone wishing information about boxing in Panama can contact this writer whose address is Star & Herald Co., Panama City, Apartado 159.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

VINCE GAMBILL, one of Miami's fistic toasts, showed extremely well in decisively defeating Jose Garcia Alvarez, Spanish welterweight champ, in a 10-round main event at the Civic Center. Miamians glimpsed one of the finest left hands in action as Gambill, of El Reno, Oklahoma, turned back the Spaniard's bid from the start to the finish. Gambill's best was the fourth round.

In a much better fight than their Madison Square Garden meeting a few months back, Jersey Joe Walcott beat Elmer "The Violent" Ray, and the pair are now even. 8,189 fans saw the bout at Miami, Florida, on March 1. It was a very close contest. Joe tipped 192½, and Ray, 194¾. Colon Chaney, Indiana Negro heavyweight, defeated Eddie Wilson, Camden, in the eight rounder. Al Kinsey, Miami, beat Jack Lewis, Miami, in eight; Hank Oliver, West Palm Beach, kayoed Johnny Roundtree, Tampa, in one. Tommy Merrill, Camden, put the stopper on Henry Wills, Miami, in five. B. B. Buddy won a closer from Abe Smith, in 4. It was an all-Negro card, the first to be presented in the Magic City's famed Orange Bowl. Willie Slater promoted. While the fights were good, the poor handling of the seats left many a customer in a fighting mood. Financially, it was a flop. Ray was guaranteed $25,000, and Walcott, $15,000. The show drew over $50,000.

Al LaBarba, New York welterweight, made Maurice "Lefty" LaChance, of Maine, fold his tent in the second round before Savanah boxing fans, March 10. Nothing to report on this one as Lefty looked sorry and as a result the contest was short and dull.

Johnny Breitenbruk, Parris Island marine, dropped Doc Deneau, of Charleston, near the end of the first for a nine counter and was declared winner in the second when the house physician would not allow Deneau to continue. Both are middleweights. Harry Harvey, punching 128 pounder, won a TKO at the expense of 129 pound Johnny Smith, which arrived in the fourth chapter. In an amateur bout, Hardeman Bailey, 150, stopped Bud Scott, 154, in round one, when the two fell with Bailey atop Buddy. Bailey got up. Scott stayed on deck. Two Negro gladiators furnished the action in a four rounder, won by Felix Brown, 142, by a knockout in that canto. Brown deposited Willie Lyner, 140, for keeps. It was a heavy hitting duel, both taking trips to the canvas. Buster White promoted.

Promoter Buster White, of Savannah, is trying to get support to build a sports arena for his city.

At Sarasota, Terry Lee, crack welterweight prospect, won a hard fought tilt of 10 rounds from the veteran Larry Lynn. In the semi eight, Raul Moran proved too big and too good for game Sonny Hope, winning a TKO in four rounds. Moran, 167, Hope, 155.

Tommy Gomez did not have to display his soporific sock against Johnny Kapovich, of Baltimore, before a capacity throng of 4,300 fans at the new Armory in Tampa. All Tommy had to do was land several light lefts to the Marylander's face and it was curtains in the second round. Lee Sala and Joe O'Connell, a middleweight pair, fought fast and hard until the seventh round when Sala's socking lefts and rights finally got the best of the Baltimore scrapper for a knockout. It was by far the best test that Sala has received. Another action bout was on tap in a heavyweight bout between Wade Chancey, of Jacksonville and Leo Stoll, of Baltimore. It was a ten rounder that ended in a draw. Terry Lee, another promising Tampa battler, scored a knockout over the veteran Larry Lynn in a welterweight tangle. Lou Viscusi promoted.

Occasionally, a ring oddity will pop up here and there, but this one from Brazil should take the cake. Ever hear of a boxer with a NUMBER introduced to fans, in place of his name? That's what Aceveldo Silvo, the South American importation, goes by, NUMBER 84. He looms a good middleweight boxer, and gave Miami's fistic colony plenty to talk about in his debut, which he won.

A late result from West Palm Beach which we forgot to mention in previous writings—Tony Vero, Stamford, Connecticut, middleweight, had to go all out to notch a 10 round victory over game Steve Sabatino, of Brooklyn. Joe Amico, Philadelphia, 140 pounder, pounded Norman See for a 7 round TKO. The ref stopped it when See's face was cut. Norman tipped 134. Angelo Ambrosano, 125, Philadelphia lad, barely defeated Orlando Fernandez, of Tampa, 123, in a ten rounder. Shorty Labohrie, Newark, and Bobby Fuller, Boston, put on a ding-buster for 6 heats. Shorty won the decision.

Middleweight champion Tony Zale put the skids under Tommy Charles, in Memphis, Tennessee, on March 20, the end coming in round four.

Eddie Steele, Macon, Georgia middleweight, decisioned Arnold Deer, of Indianapolis, in ten rounds in Macon. Al Reid, Greenwood, S. C., gained a split decision over Jack Revolta, of Columbus, Ga., in a welterweight clash. Gus Aldridge, Macon middleweight, kayoed Bob Cain, of Indianapolis, in the 7th.

With Jack Dempsey in the referee's role, and naturally a crowd on hand, Tommy Campbell, Atlanta welterweight, scored a five round TKO over Hollis McHenry at Albany, Georgia. In the semi-windup, Wild Bill Norris kayoed Fred Harris in six.

Dick Lee, former Miami amateur boxing star has moved to Jacksonville and is handled by the well known and liked Cal Cagni, former welter and middleweight contender, who served at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station as boxing and physical instructor. Jacksonville is Cagni's home as well. To date, Lee has won his 3 starts during the month.

Florida's outstanding fight promoter, Dave White, of Miami, is planning another Southern Championship tournament with the featherweight crown at stake. Dave, through the help of Ring Editor Nat Fleischer, co-sponsored the welterweight meet that was won by Clyde Gordon. The bout was refereed by Fleischer a few months ago and was a huge success.

At Sarasota, Florida, Terry Lee, promising 140 pounder from Tampa, kayoed Bobby Dial, 145, in the second. Jimmy Kelley, 204, and Joe Renniers, 210, fought a slow draw in six. In one of the most sensational scraps seen in the Sarasota ring, Georgie Rojo, 128, Tampa, and Bob Rodriguez, 135, same city, furnished the fireworks. Rojo was down five times. He made a comeback in the fourth heat with two-fisted blows that laid Rodriguez out. Tony Rojo, a brother of Georgie, kept his good work going by stopping Jimmy Roderick, 120, in three. It was Tony's 19th straight without a defeat.

The prelim results were: Ferroll Norriss, 147, stopped Johnny Janiero, 145, in three. Battling Oscar, 125, drew with Baby Johns, 118, in four. . . . On March 10th, Johnny Dupree, 162, won a close 10 rounder from Raul Moran, 168, when he dropped Raul for an 8 count in the last round. Pete Norriega 150, beat Ray Hake, 145, in the 8 rounder. Austin Waters, 147, kayoed Ferroll Norriss, 150 in three. Baby Johns, 118, and Battling Oscar, 123, again drew in four.

Buddy Scott, Jacksonville heavyweight, lost out in a ten rounder to Johnny Ralph, South African heavyweight champion, in Johannesburg.

Al LaBarba, New York welterweight, won a split decision over Tony Rios, of Mexico, in ten rounds of a headline affair at Savannah, Ga. Both weighed at 147 pounds. Hal McCaskill won in a good fight over Joe Nadeau. Johnny Breitenbruk, a Parris Island Marine, got a TKO in four over Ryan Shealey. Both are middleweights. Paul McClendon was no match for Jim Burke, and Jim took a two round TKO victory. Referee Joe Magee stopped the Jack Duncan-H. C. Tippins match after Duncan went down several times in the first. Magee gave it to Tippins on a TKO.

Billy Moore, Miami welterweight, won a 10-round decision over Bulldog Camagueyano, Tampa fighter, in the West Palm Beach headliner on March 28. Gene Smith, 147, won a five round TKO over Oliver Hamm, who took many blows. Referee Cy Gottfried halted it. Red Barron, 132 pound Miamian, won the same way from Frankie Fernley, 132, in the fourth heat. Shorty Labohrie, 134, stopped Mickey McQuerrie, 130, in round three. Bert Lang and Jimmy Johnston, 132, and 128, respectively, fought the only distance fight, a five rounder which was taken by Lang. Al Caroly promoted.

Sugar Ray Robinson, world's welter king, made an easy $5,000 as he played and toyed with Bernie Miller in a Miami setting at the Dorsey Ball Park before 3,229 fans who shelled out $11,456.50. Robinson just showed himself before Miamians and registered a three-round knockout, having Miller down five times in all. The loser received a little more than $500. Ray weighed 157½.

Al LaBarba, visiting welter from New York, won in ten rounds with plenty to spare from Billy Smith, Minneapolis lefty, in the feature contest at the Civic Center Arena, Miami, on March 19. A Brazilian middleweight, "Number 84", showered punches all over Steve Sabatino, game Brooklyner and won his debut in a most convincing manner, a ten round battle. The Brazilian's real name is Aceveldo Silvo. Bobby Elliott, Miami lightweight, showed splendidly in the first ten rounder of his career, defeating the more experienced Romeo Ouimet, of Canada, in a swell bout.

That likeable veteran of Southern fight circles, Bobby Britton, of Miami, ran true to Irish form, when on St. Patrick's Day the son of the former welterweight champion, Jack Britton ended Guy Brown's winning ways in Asheville, N. C., by a TKO in the seventh round. Brown scaled 169 and Bobby 163. Teet Montooth, 152, knocked out Babe Saunders, 162, in the second round of the semi-windup. Montooth placed Babe on deck three times previously. Gordon Ball, brother of the promoter, Ted Ball, reversed the tables on Al Cook, taking a six rounder. The winner tipped 169, and the loser, 168. Steve Hensley, 144, kayoed Eddie Harrell, 141, in round four, while Bob Taylor, 139, won a four rounder from Roy McGraw, 134.

Two of our Ring Magazine colleagues, Mark Fannon, covering New England, and Bill Daves, with news of Texas, are giving their sectors fistic flashes in a mighty big way through their respective boxing editions.

In a sizzling ten rounder at the Biscayne Arena, Miami, young Irving Palefsky, New York welterweight, unleashed his guns at Vince Gambill, capable El Reno, Oklahoma, husky, for a decision win before a new capacity crowd. Palefsky's heavier battery earned him the decision. He scored a knockdown that assisted in the second canto. Billy Moore, classy welterweight youngster, started well but faded like a rose in the closing chapters to have Rene Cantero, Tampa boy, share a draw in eight rounds. Rolly Horne, 148, won in a sixer over Angel Chavez, 148, Havana. Bob Timpson, 149, stopped Oliver Hamm, 140, in the second heat. Red Barron, 134, won a four rounder from Frankie Fernley, 133. Sam Weinstein promoted.

On March 26, Clyde Gordon, Southern welterweight champ, knocked out Billy Smith, 139½, in the second round at the Civic Center Arena. A right to the button sent Smith down. Omelio Porto, Tampa, was fined $50 and suspended for 60 days by the Miami Boxing Commission for his poor showing against Brazilian middleweight "Number 84," (Aceveldo Silvo), who won a two round knockout. Floyd Shiflett, Rome, Georgia, lightweight, won a decision over Irish Jackie Hogan, Pittsburgher. Number of rounds were not stated. Rene Camancho, 126, Havana, took a sixer from Mickey Hogan, 135¾. Billy Spankler, defeated Oliver Hamm, in a four round welterweight opener.

Billy Stokes, Jacksonville amateur boxer, turned pro under Cal Cagni and registered a win in his debut. Cagni hopes to build a stable of scrappers out of Jacksonville to compete in the surrounding sectors.

The Ring Record Book for 1947 received considerable publicity throughout the nation's presses. Sid Feder, one of the outstanding pen pushers in the sporting world, wrote a honey of an article, giving chief facts of The Ring Editor's tabulation why there were so many ring fatalities and injuries the past year, and other words regarding the book itself. Get a copy from The Ring Book Shop, Madison Square Garden, New York City. Price $5.50. It contains 684 pages.

Beating Knute Baker is one thing but stopping him is another, and this credit goes to the Pulverizing Pittsburgher, Lee Sala, middleweight puncher who has yet to taste defeat as a professional pugilist. Sala scored his 19th knockout triumph in 21 starts as he decked Baker five times before the referee came to the rescue in the sixth round. Chili Cantero, Tampa lightweight, was the real winner over Floyd Shiflett but a revision of one judge's card enabled the Georgian to escape defeat and come out of the ten rounder with a draw. Gregorio Perez, Tampa lightie, had it easy in winning over Irish Jackie Hogan in 8. Austin Waters, local welter, scored a TKO at the expense of Jackie Evans in the opening bout.

Ernest Nogues, 132, Tampa, surprised in winning a 10 round decision over Orlando Fernandez, 123, in a Sarasota ring. The boys put up a grand battle. Nogues added to the confusion by switching from right to southpaw. Ray Hake, 148, reversed a decision in 8 rounds over Pete Norriega. Pete had won the previous week. Norriega weighed 150. Austin Waters, 150, beat Pete Caugani, 148, in a sixer. For the third consecutive week, Baby Johns, 118, and Battling Oscar, 122, who is 39 years old, fought to a four round draw.

Ralph Hughes 170, was given a two round stopper over Raul Moran, 168, when the latter suffered a cut eye. Austin Waters, 150, was in an eight round win over Ray Hake, 149. Charlie Morrison, 128, knocked out Baby Roland, 130, in the opening heat. Bob Rodriguez, 138, kayoed Slugger Miller, 140, in two. These bouts mentioned above took place in Sarasota.

Pete Andrews, Tampa fight manager, has a new featherweight in Frankie Blancho, of Cuba. He is a switch hitter and said to possess a good sock in either mitten. Andrews has the three outstanding prospects in Tampa. They are: Lee Sala, middleweight; Terry Lee, welterweight; and Tony Rojo, bantamweight. Sala remains undefeated in 21 pro starts, 19 being kayo wins. Lee has lost only one fight in 14 trips to the ring. Rojo is undefeated in 19 battles. Quite interesting fistic facts.

Boxers who are reckoning on a Florida visit should contact me for bookings. Fight news and results are more than welcomed here also. Address: Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville 8, Florida.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

ABLE ALLEN FAULKNER of Buffalo gave Sammy Secreet of Detroit a boxing lesson in their return match and the officials gave Faulkner seven of the ten rounds. The victory was Faulkner's 28th out of 30 fights. Faulkner is a good fighter and will give the best in his class plenty of trouble.

In the semi-final, Irish Johnny Long made it 23 in a row when he defeated Walley Hicks of Toronto in six. Johnny DeNero, good looking prospect, won by a K.O. over Jackson Bradley of Buffalo in two. Billy Seep, 146½, of Toronto, won over Freddie Patterson, 147¼, of Rochester in a slow fight in six. Bill Foley, 125, of Rochester, spotted Eddie Vaughan of Toronto eight pounds and lost by a T.K.O. in the second. The referee stopped the fight because Foley received a bad cut over his left eye. Jimmy DeGeorge, 162, won by a K.O. in the first round over Jimmy Robinson, 158, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Johnny Flynn, 209, of Rochester, fought Perk Daniels, 213, of Chicago, in the top bout of the second card of the month. In the other bouts, Johnny DeNero, 174, of Rochester, gave big Dan Biggers, 199, of Baltimore, 26 pounds and stopped him in the second. Charley Lester, 204, a good fighter from Cleveland, K.O.'ed Jim Willard, 201, of New York in one. Ted Lowry, 201½, New Haven, knocked out Willie Davis, 181, in three. Jimmy DeGeorge, 162, Rochester, won over Tommy Williams in two. Johnny Kaufman, 150, Rochester, won over Ray Tucker, 155, Auburn, in one. The house sold out with a gate of $9,800.

The amateur fights are selling out every week. The matchmaker would like to hear from good amateur fighters or handlers of amateur teams. Write to Johnny Burba, Elks' Club, Rochester, New York.

Eddie Smith, Rochester's best drawing card, is back in training after a month's lay-off. Angelo Rose is his matchmaker.

Binghamton, N. Y., promoters are hot after a Johnny DeNero and Nick Barone fight.

Two fighters who are good cards in Rochester are Eddie Smith, 142 lbs., and Allen Faulkner of Buffalo. Other good club boys are Billy Foley, 126; Johnny Rowe, 136; Johnny DeNero, 173; Henry Smith, 140; Calvin Leigh, 118; Johnny Virgo, 150 and Harry Smith, 135.

Fighters wishing to show in and around Rochester will do well by writing me at 103 S. Union St.

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Please send your notes before the first of the month if you want to read them in this column.

PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS
By FRANK T. McQUAIDE, JR.

JUSTE FONTAINE, 141, scored the most spectacular victory of the local indoor season at The Gardens, when he kayoed Dorsey Lay, 141½, of Philadelphia, in the tenth and final round of the main event of a Rooney-McGinley Club star-studded show. Fontaine, behind on points for the better part of the contest, suddenly pulled the victory out of the fire with a right to the chin of the Philadelphia Negro midway in the ninth round that floored his opponent for a nine count. On unsteady legs Lay held on and lasted the round.

When the bell sounded for the 10th, the now inspired Fontaine went after his dazed opponent and finding Dorsey's chin with another terrific right, dropped him for the count. The time, 1.42 of the tenth.

Sammy Schipani, 135, Pittsburgh, stablemate of Billy Conn, and seconded by Johnny Ray, boxed beautifully to gain a split decision over clever Leo Garrett, 135, Cleveland, in the six-round semi-final.

Jumping Joe Barrone, 124, Pittsburgh, last year's Dapper Dan Club Golden Gloves sensation, continued on his winning way by counter-punching a clean-cut decision over classy Johnny Villanueva, 128, San Antonio, Texas, in a six-rounder.

Villanueva, Fritzie Zivic protege, looked good, but Barrone, consistently landed two blows for every one he received.

Mike Kaballa, 149, Allison, Pa., eked out a split decision over Chuck O'Mara, 148, Pittsburgh, in another six.

Larry Huff, 160, Pittsburgh, hard punching Negro, was awarded the unanimous decision over Ted Turner, 162, Philadelphia, stablemate of Dorsey Lay, in the six-round opener.

Erv Sarlin, 183, the outstanding heavyweight in this area, continued on his winning way by hammering out a split decision over Colion Chaney, 182, of Indianapolis, in the ten round main event at the Palisades, in suburban McKeesport. The capacity crowd was amazed when Sarlin was not awarded the unanimous decision. Referee Mike Hogan and Judge Red Robinson voted for Sarlin, while Judge Freddie Lux voted a draw.

Ralph Friedman, 170, West View, Pa., was impressive in punching out a unanimous decision over Ollie Madison, 174, Homestead, Pa., in the six round semi-final, a fast action bout.

Clyde Miller, 142, Pittsburgh, scored a T.K.O. over Don Harris, 138, Washington, Pa., in 1:50 of the sixth.

Sammy Mastrean, 140, Pittsburgh, a fine prospect, defeated Jackie Watkins, 135, Homestead, Pa., unanimously in another six rounder.

Clyde Jenkins, 160, Uniontown, Pa., kayoed Johnny Pascal, 163, Pittsburgh, in the second round.

Al Thornton, 157, popular local middleweight, chalked up his eleventh straight win by defeating Art Hardy, 159, of Pittsburgh, in the eight round main event at the Aragon Gardens, March 20, 1947. The decision was unanimous.

Sammy Mastrean, 140, Pittsburgh, another fine prospect, hammered out a unanimous decision over Jackie Watkins, 135, Homestead, Pa., in the six round semi-final.

Clyde Miller, 143, Pittsburgh, eked out a split decision over Jerry Kiger, 149, Homestead, Pa., in a rousing six round alley fight.

Richie Callura, 135, Pittsburgh, knocked out Shiek Foreman, 141, Pittsburgh, in 40 seconds of round two.

Cowboy Brinks, 145, Pittsburgh, scored a kayo over Jim Fuller, 144, Pittsburgh, in 2:20 of the second round.

Erv Sarlin, 185, continued on his winning way at the Palisades, McKeesport, Pa., on March 26, by handily defeating Charley Riggs, 188, of McKeesport, in the ten-round main event. The local butcher boy won the unanimous decision.

Van Penn, 149, Clairton, Pa., was awarded the unanimous decision over Bobby Neal, 150, Beaver Falls, Pa., in the six round semi-final.

Lin Brozier, 187, Pittsburgh, was impressive winning the unanimous decision over Shugg Martin, 191, Cleveland, in another six.

Clyde Jenkins, 154, Uniontown, Pa., knocked out Ralph Scarpuzzi, 153, Akron, Ohio, in one minute 20 seconds of the third. The house grossed $2,111.75; and the net was $2,041.03.

Sammy Schipani, 135, local lightweight protege of Johnny Ray, Billy Conn's manager, scored a decisive victory at The Aragon Gardens, handily defeating Jackie Eisenberger, 134, of Pittsburgh, in the eight round main event on Promoter Bill Dumer's card. Schipanni never looked better. Sammy boxed beautifully and his footwork was superb.

Ollie Madison, 175, Homestead, Pa., scored an upset by punching out a unanimous decision over the popular Ralph Friedman, 168, West View, Pa., in the six round semi final.

In another six, Jessie Walker, 151, Pittsburgh, a two fisted slugger, lost the first three rounds to southpaw Nate Smith, 151, Pittsburgh, then turned on the power and finished strong to garner a split decision.

Johnny Fulton, 193, Pittsburgh, was sharp as a razor in belting out a unanimous decision over big Jim Russell, 214, Pittsburgh, in a four rounder.

Art Swiden, 181, New Kensington, Pa., another good heavyweight prospect, came from behind to kayo Jay D. Harvey, 180, Pittsburgh, in 1:59 of the third round.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

DISPLAYING great boxing skill and pacing himself perfectly, Jock Leslie, Flint, Mich., powerhouse hitter of the featherweight division, climbed higher up the fistic ladder by defeating Freddie Russo, Rahway, N. J., in 10 rounds before a sellout crowd at the Coliseum Arena.

The Russo-Leslie fight was a hard-fought battle with Referee Ashton Donza and Judge Bill Kirchem awarding the decision to Leslie. Judge Tuck Fraley cast his ballot for the New Jersey junior lightweight who outweighed Jock 4¼ pounds. Leslie scaled 125¼, Russo 129½.

5060 fans paid a net gate of $8922.62 with at least 1000 spectators being turned away due to the fire marshal's edict that no standing room may be sold. It was the second time this year that Leslie has sold out the Coliseum Arena. January 27, in trouncing Mimmie Adragna, Pittsburgh, Pa., in ten rounds, Jock played to a complete sellout.

Heard Ragas staged his first white show of the 1947 season at the Coliseum Arena featuring Chester Rico, New York, and Sammy Adragna, Pittsburgh, Pa., in ten rounds with Rico upsetting Adragna who was made a 1 to 3 favorite.

Chester was too smart for Adragna who was also defeated here previously by Nava Esparza, Charley Johnston's welterweight. Rico's two-handed body assaults cut Adragna down slowly and the decision was unanimous. Rico weighed 141½, Adragna 144¾ pounds.

Only 2372 fans attended for a net gate of $3643.42 with Promoter Ragas blowing around $400.00 on the show.

Holman Williams, Detroit, Mich., 160-pound title contender, fought Henry Hall, gangling New Orleans light-heavyweight, twice here during March. In their first battle over the ten-round route, March 14, they engaged in a ten-round draw. 3,161 fans paid $3,870.57 to witness the bout.

Promoter Louis Messina, who has the only license to stage Negro fights here, rematched them for 12 rounds a fortnight later and Williams, 160, toyed with Hall, 165, in the encore battle, winning nine of the 12 rounds and gaining a unanimous decision. In the return bout 2,902 spectators paid $3,439.97 through the box offices.

In an added ten-rounder, Melvin Bartholomew, inconsistent New Orleans Negro welterweight, decisioned Joe Brown, Baton Rouge, La. Brown was floored twice for nine by Melvin. Bartholomew scaled 143½, Brown, 140½ pounds.

Cleo Shans, 141, Brawley, Cal., defeated Richard (Young) Polite, 136½, New Orleans junior welterweight, in a ten-round bout staged by Louis Messina at the Coliseum Arena. It was a nip-and-tuck battle with Pete Reilly's Ironman using his ring generalship and body punching to win the decision.

Twenty-three hundred and forty-seven fans paid a net gate of $2,260.40.

Buster Tyler, Elizabeth, N. J., and Joe Brown, Baton Rouge, La., engaged in a torrid ten-round draw under Louis Messina's promotion at the Coliseum Arena. Brown made one of the best fights of his career in holding Tyler to a draw. In the eight round semifinal, Lynch Travis, Xavier University student, defeated Junius West. They are welterweights. Brown scaled 142½, Tyler 143. 1302 fans paid $1,206.56 net in a heavy rainfall.

Fistic pot shots—Lew Raymond is back in New Orleans and has definitely resigned as matchmaker for Bill Plattsmier at Beaumont, Tex. Raymond plans on staging several open air shows here this summer. Pat Flowers, midget sized Negro featherweight, is in New York to join Manager Charley Rose's stable.

Cosby Linson, veteran New Orleans welterweight, outpointed LaSalva, New York, in a slow and listless ten round bout on Promoter Heard Ragas' double windup staged at the Coliseum arena.

Linson scaled 149, LaSalva 154 pounds.

In the other ten rounder on the card, Vic Costa, stablemate of LaSalva, weighing 150 pounds, won a ten round deision over Nick Guagliardo, 145 pounds. They fought hard all the way. The New Orleans southpaw made the best fight of his career and showed more courage than he has ever displayed in a local ring.

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PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD

By RONALD H. PINHEIRO

THE greatest event in Trinidad ring history was presented by George Whitehead with Joe Louis world's heavyweight champion, giving a four-round exhibition at the Queen's Park Oval. The Brown Bomber did the first two rounds with Max Haefer and the last two with Ansell Baba Adams, South Trinidad kayo artist.

There was a record crowd of about 20,000 boxing fans, but still there were many seats vacant that should have been filled by many more followers of the champ.

Promoter Whitehead also presented three other grand bouts. A six-round bill between Kid Blyce, 123½, South Trinidad and Tony (Braddock) Tarquini, 117, ended in a point victory for Blyce.

The only kayo for the night was scored by Dynamite Jim, 158½, when he iced Ken Thomas, 160¼, of British Guiana in two minutes, 47 seconds of the third round.

Ralph Garcia, Trinidad's No. 1 featherweight, avenged a defeat at the hands of Young Fearless Freddy by outpointing him over ten rounds in a return bout.

Easy Boy Francis, the Island's leading welter, recently returned from Barbados after scoring two victories, his first a kayo over Young Rocky Graziano and his second over Kid Ralph, the Barbados champ.

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BOXING IN CUBA

By MILT BARON

HAVANA, Cuba, special correspondent for this section.

Lou Galvani, Cuba's excellent bantamweight, in a return bout, drew in ten rounds with Luis Castillo, Mexico's highly rated contender. In their previous meeting, Galvani was the winner, and in the second encounter Galvani won at least seven out of ten rounds.

Miguel Acevedo, Cuba's featherweight champion, easily beat Lulu Costantino of New York before a crowd of thirty thousand at the Havana Stadium on the same card that featured Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, in a special exhibition.

Wilfredo Miro, fast rising featherweight, won an eight-round contest from the veteran Baby Chichi. Miro's punch was an outstanding feature in this fight, and Chichi miraculously saved himself from a K.O.

Eligio Alvarez, who is Kid Chocolate's cousin, easily beat Armandito Labarrere in six. These featherweights put up a good scrap, and got a big hand from the large crowd at the Joe Louis program. These boys substituted for Juan Erenio and Orestes Diago. In the curtain raiser, Raul Perez beat Jesus Barreto, and Tony Casas scored a one-round knockout over Pedro Diaz.

Jess Losada, Cuba's former star welterweight, was the referee in the Joe Louis exhibitions, and did a good job.

Hankin Barrows, welterweight from Panama, drew in ten rounds with Julio Pedroso of Cuba at the Sports Palace. The fight was full of motion, and both boys did their best. A return go would draw big.

Wilfred Mayet, Cuba's hard-punching 126-pounder, after a long rest, returned to the ring and lost a close decision to Tony Alvarez. In the prelims, Carlos Pino scored a quick K.O. over Alfredo Castro, welterweights, before the first round ended. Occidental Kid outpointed Oswaldo Arango in six rounds of good milling, and Sojito Gonzalez drew in six with Ciro Moracen, featherweights.

Orestes Diago, Cuba's sensational featherweight contender, drew in ten rounds with El Barquerito from Santo Domingo. The fight was full of thrills that satisfied the fans. Orestes Diago had an edge and deserved the decision. Diago, 136, and Barquerito, 136¾.

Brilliant Kid and Lefty Molina met in the semi-windup which Brilliant Kid won by a technical knockout in the seventh round. Both boys landed hard blows and appeared to be on the verge of a K.O. several times during the fight. Molina, 146, and Brilliant Kid, 148. Eligio Alvarez won in six from Lorenzo Cabrera, and Herminio Gonzales knocked out Celis Ramirez in the first. Mateo Sobrado scored over Leo Fernandez in a steaming six-rounder.

IN OKLAHOMA RINGS

By M. C. DUNCAN

OKLAHOMA'S gladiators of the squared circle had to go outside the boundaries of their home state last month to find action.

Eddie LaMarr, very promising young light-heavyweight of the A. E. "Happy" Hammond stable, took the nod from Oscar Lee Wilkins in a scorching six-rounder at Topeka. LaMarr is gradually blossoming into a full-fledged heavyweight.

In his latest sojourn to *The Forum* at Wichita, Jeep O'Neal, Oklahoma City featherweight, scored a triumph over Reuben Salazar. A seasoned campaigner of the ring, being former National Golden Gloves champion, Jeep is now conducting a new type of campaign. As Earl William O'Neal he is a candidate for City Councilman of Ward One, Oklahoma City.

State Middleweight Champion Dick Smith has secured a leave of absence from the Oklahoma City Fire Department to carry on his fistic wars in the East.

Chicago's Rainbow Arena was the scene of the latest victories by Irish Mickey Travis, Oklahoma lightweight. Travis punched out two wins in the Windy City while under the direction of Bill Berryman.

Jake Stephens, 155-pounder of the Capitol City, is now attending journalism school at Oklahoma City University, in addition to carrying on his ring work.

After one of the best state tournaments ever conducted by the *Daily Oklahoman* Milk and Ice Fund, the state amateurs went on to the Tournament of Champions at Chicago and placed four men in the semi-finals and two in the finals. Heavyweight Ralph Younger and Bantam Washie Stover were the two who came within one win of taking the national championship.

Lightweight Virgil Franklin of Chilocco Indian School and welterweight Herschel Acton of Oklahoma City, both former national amateur champions, came through again last month when they walked off with the state A.A.U. championships at Anadarko. Highlighter of the tournament was Jimmy Keel who won the light-heavyweight championship with two knockouts while weighing only 156 pounds.

Proctor Heinold has returned from South Africa where he has recently been active among the lightweights. Buddy Scott is remaining in Johannesburg. He recently lost a heavyweight tussle to Johnny Ralph, the South African champion.

Oklahoma City's Boxing Commission with R. P. "Bob" Moore as chairman, has made it known that any promoter coming into the city will have to keep the best interests of boxing in mind. The commission vetoed the request of Sutro Pearl of Wichita to stage a card in the Municipal Auditorium, when they decided, after full consideration, that Mr. Pearl did not have a "proper" card assured.

Jenning's News Stand at 414 North Broadway keeps increasing his order for THE RING Magazine and is listing it among his best sellers.

Anyone wishing to contact fighters in this area or secure information on boxing in Oklahoma should contact the writer at 613 South West 47th St., Oklahoma City 9, Okla., Telephone 6-6763. See you again next month with more news of what's going on "IN OKLAHOMA RINGS."

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN

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BOXING fans paid $12,700 to see a very entertaining fight card put on by Al Fain and Billy Mitchell at the big Auditorium. The feature event was a sizzler with Charley Parham, Milwaukee, and Dave Clark of Cincinnati pitching punches to a draw. Parham's best round was the 4th. He sent a sizzling left hook to the chin and body. It looked bad for Clark but with almost superhuman strength he weathered the storm. Clark's best rounds were the 8th and 9th when he sent Parham back on his heels with straight rights to the jaw. Clark outweighed Parham by 8 pounds. Parham tipped the scales at 149¼.

Tim Dalton of Chicago received a split decision verdict over Baby Quentin Breese of Milwaukee in the first half of the Triple windup. Breese turned into a cyclone in the last round but it wasn't enough to offset Dalton's speedy left of the previous rounds.

In the other feature, Danny Robinson, Chicago, 144½, scored an upset victory over Doll Rafferty, Milwaukee, 141½. Rafferty's straight right, always an important factor in his victories, was missing. Catching two of Robinson's rights on the button, he was floored for counts in the 4th round.

In the prelims, Johnny Gaudes, Milwaukee, 125½, gave 9 pounds to Willie Scott of Gary and was K.O.'ed in 5 rounds. Jimmy Burke, Milwaukee, 157¼, T.K.O.'ed Walter Holba, Milwaukee, 152, 3 rounds.

Jimmy Sherrer, 150, Milwaukee, won the unanimous decision over Ralph Zannelli, Providence, 143½, in ten rounds. Zannelli, aggressor throughout, opened a cut over Sherrer's left eye with an overhand right in the 3rd round and also caused Jimmy considerable trouble with lefts and rights to the body. Sherrer's sharp shooting right found its mark in the 2nd and 10th rounds for counts as he piled up points with his left jab and hook to cart off the verdict.

In the semi, Danny Robinson, 142, Chicago, on a bicycle for two rounds, turned aggressor in the 3rd to score a knockout over Earl Moore, 146½, Detroit, in 1:06.

Tommy Lemmon, 157, Milwaukee, beat Paul Darby, 161½, Detroit, 6. Johnny Gaudes, 123¼, Milwaukee, won over Oliver Breton, 126, Detroit, and Jimmy Burke, 156½, Milwaukee, stopped Nick Melnick, 160½, Winnipeg, 1:22, 3.

Gross gate $12,600.

Racine, Wis., has organized a professional boxing club and Ray Heling will be the matchmaker. Eddie Metrie will assist in making matches for the newly organized Green Bay Boxing Club. Globe Trotter Phil Zwick who several month ago won the state featherweight title, only to be forced into retirement by the boxing commission due to the 38 year age limit rule, was turned down on his petition for special sanction to fight.

Ben Shane and wife, en route from Hawaii to Washington, D.C., where he owns several Ladies' Wearing Apparel stores, spent several days with brother Richie.

THE JERSEY CORNER

By JACK BARR

THE Red Applegate, 187-Teddy Randolph, 180, fight at Laurel Garden was won by Randolph who had the edge by a margin of five rounds, one even and four to the Montclair, N. J., heavyweight who suffered a gashed eye.

The boxing boom is still evident around the Garden State, despite the shutdown of Passaic after one show. . . . Benny Cantor expects shortly to reopen the old roller skating rink at Plainfield, N. J. . . . Sid Stolz, brother of Allie, is elated over his hard hitting, handsome lightweight, Bobby Plant, who has won twenty fights out of twenty-one. . . . Harold Stine, local featherweight, will soon go to Australia. . . . Managers Sam Rose and Frank Arekelian, have Stine booked there for three fights.

At the Elizabeth Armory, the club where favorites get upset, Georgie Martin, New Yorker, easily beat Al Mobley of Newark, in 8 rounds. The New Yorker set the pace quickly. This made it 6 wins at the Armory for Martin.

Archie DeVino, Newarker, beat Clem Rodriguez, New York, in 8 rounds at Somerville Club. It was DeVino from the first round right up until the end. His infighting plus bulldog courage, made it one-sided for Archie.

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